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GOVT ISSUES ADVISORY TO SOCIAL MEDIA FIRMS ABOUT DEEPFAKES

The govt issued an advisory to social media firms to comply with IT rules as concerns rise about misinformation via deepfakes tied to AI

PLATFORMS TO SPECIFY PROHIBITED CONTENT

The advisory issued on Tuesday mandates that digital and social media platforms communicate to all users clearly as to what content is prohibited under IT Rules. Digital intermediaries like X, Facebook and WhatsApp must ensure users are regularly informed about the penal provisions as well. Violation of the directive will attract legal consequences

TO BE MADE PART OF TERMS OF SERVICE

- The bar on content must be part of the platform's terms of service. Also, it must be said upfront during first-registration; at every instance of login; and while sharing information on the platform
- Deepfakes refer to doctored media that is digitally manipulated to impersonate someone, using a form of artificial intelligence

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Will smoke out ship attackers, claims Rajnath

Want to ensure that nobody dares to come anywhere closer to Indian coast: Navy Chief

Rajnath Singh

Security provider

India is a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region. "Along with our friendly countries, we will keep the sea lanes secure," Rajnath said

Modi, MbS hold talks

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman amid concern over West Asia. "We agreed to work together for peace, security and stability," Modi said

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said that the perpetrators of the recent suspected drone attack on Merchant Vessel (MV) Chem Pluto in the Arabian Sea and on MV Sai Baba in the Red Sea would soon be brought to justice.

"India's growing economic and strategic power has filled some forces with jealousy and hatred... We will find those who executed the recent attacks even from the depths of the seas and take strict action against them," he dramatically said while speaking at the commissioning ceremony of indigenous stealth destroyer INS Imphal.

In his address, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said four destroyers have been deployed to counter piracy and drone attacks on merchant shipping. Besides, P8I surveillance aircraft, Dorniers, Sea Guardians, helicopters and Coast Guard ships have all been deployed jointly to counter these threats.

While the Liberia-flagged merchant vessel M/V Chem Pluto carrying 21 Indians and one Vietnamese crew came under a drone attack off the coast of Gujarat, M/V Saibaba, was hit by a one-way drone attack in the southern Red Sea on Saturday. The attack on Chem Pluto happened off the Gujarat coast on international waters. The site of the suspected drone strike is outside India's Exclusive Economic Zone.

"We don't want these attacks to come any closer. The closest attack that has happened is about 220 miles from our coast, but we want to ensure that nobody dares to come anywhere closer," Admiral Kumar said.

A naval team of explosive ordnance disposal specialists that inspected Chem Pluto, saw a strong possibility of a drone attack. The explosive charge on the drone detonated completely causing extensive damage above the waterline.

The Navy said it has commenced focused maritime security operations in the Arabian Sea in the wake of the attack.

NOW, WRESTLER VINESH RETURNS KHEL RATNA AND ARJUNA AWARDS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A COUPLE of days after the sports ministry abstained the newly-elected Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) from functioning, multiple World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat on Tuesday decided to return her Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awards.

In an open letter written to Prime Minister and posted on X, formerly Twitter, Vinesh, who spearheaded the protest against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, asserted that she is returning the awards so that they do not become a burden on her from leading her life with dignity. The move surprised many as only three days after the WFI election the ministry not only restrained Brij Bhushan's loyalist Sanjay Singh-led panel from taking over but also instructed the Indian Olympic Association to form an ad-hoc panel to run the sport.

Vinesh was conferred with the Khel Ratna, the highest sports honour in the country, in 2020 while she received the Arjuna Award in 2016. Her decision came days after Sakshi Malik quit wrestling and Bajrang Punia returned his Padma Shri Award.

In her letter, Vinesh wrote, "I remember in 2016 when Sakshi won the Olympic medal your government had made her the brand ambassador of 'Beti bachao beti padhao' campaign. Women players were happy and congratulated each other. But when Sakshi was forced to quit the sport, I cannot help but remember the year 2016 repeatedly. Do women players exist only for the publication of government's ads? I also dreamt of winning an Olympic medal but that dream is now fading."

Flutter over minor explosion near Israeli embassy

Delhi Police and forensics teams at the blast site near the Israel embassy in Delhi. No one was injured but an abusive letter was found at the site | PARVEEN NEGI

PAST INCIDENTS

In January 2021, a low-intensity blast occurred near the Israel embassy, damaging a few cars. It left a crater on the road. In February 2012, a bomb was planted under an Israeli embassy car in which a diplomat's wife was injured

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

AN emergency call regarding an explosion near the Embassy of Israel here on Tuesday evening sent the security agencies into a tizzy.

After hours of search operations to find traces of the explosive, sources claimed they did not find anything suspicious except for a typed letter that was addressed to the Israeli ambassador.

While officials declined comment on the contents of the letter, reports suggested its language was abusive.

A security guard who witnessed the incident claimed he heard a loud sound and saw smoke coming up from the top of a tree. "This happened around 5 pm. I was on my duty and heard a loud sound. When I came out, I saw smoke coming from the top of a tree, that's all I saw...Police have taken my statement...," the security guard told reporters.

As per the eyewitness, the explosion took place on a vacant land in front of Central training Hindi Institute and behind the Israeli embassy.

A Delhi Fire Service official, while speaking to this newspaper, said they received a call regarding a blast near the Israel mission around 5.45 pm.

As the incident took place at a very high security zone that houses embassies of multiple countries, several teams of Delhi Police and Bomb Disposal Squad were quick to reach the spot. The anti-terror unit of the Delhi Police — Special Cell — was also deployed.

Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israel embassy, Ohad Nakash Kaynar, put out a video message saying an explosion had occurred in close proximity to the embassy. "All workers are safe, all diplomats are safe, our security teams are working in full cooperation with local Delhi security," he said.

7-day home isolation for Covid patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The Karnataka Health Department has brought back the home isolation rule for those who test positive for Covid-19. The State recorded two deaths and 74 positive cases on Tuesday.

A seven-day home isolation is a must for positive patients and they will be monitored by health officials. Also, parents have been advised not to send their children suffering from cold or cough to schools. Precautionary vaccines will be administered to senior citizens and those with comorbidities. These were among the major decisions taken at the first meeting of the cabinet subcommittee on Covid-19.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil, Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar, top health officials and members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) attended the meeting after detection of 34 cases of the new Covid-19 variant, JN.1 in the State.

"Health officials will visit the homes of Covid-19 patients. They will test the patients and also their family members if they are symptomatic," said Gundu Rao. Government and private employees in home isolation should be given mandatory casual leave. Those being treated in hospitals should be given special leave, he added.

Children suffering from cold, cough and fever should stay at home. If required, they should get tested, he said. He said that a sewage surveillance in cities such as Bengaluru and Mangaluru will be taken up.

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Registration for Yuva Nidhi begins

Bengaluru: The state government on Tuesday launched registration for the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme which provides financial aid to unemployed graduates and diploma holders. It is the fifth guarantee announced by Congress | P4

Central, Union can be interchanged: Delhi HC

New Delhi: The Delhi HC in a recent order dismissed a PIL filed by an 84-year-old man, seeking to replace the term 'Central government' with 'Union' or 'Union government' in all orders, notifications and correspondences | P9

No rain, K'taka may face drinking water crisis by Feb-end

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA, which is reeling under drought, is likely to face a drinking water crisis during summer. The situation may worsen in towns and cities with most of the reservoirs receiving poor inflows.

Expressing concern over the impending crisis, experts have advised people to use water judiciously.

With summer fast approaching, the government has decided to use water from its reservoirs for drinking and industrial purposes. Because of this, farmers, who are already in distress due to the failure of monsoon, may not get much water for irrigation.

According to KSNDMC, major reservoirs, which can hold up to 895 tmcft of water, now have only 394 tmcft. The reservoirs had 668 tmcft of water during the same period last year. While the gross capacity of reservoirs in the Cauvery basin is 114 tmcft, as on date they have just 52 tmcft. They had 83 tmcft of water during the same period last year.

Sources in the Revenue Department, under which the disaster management wing functions, said the State may not receive heavy showers in the coming months to fill its reservoirs.

"As such, the water level in the reservoirs has come down. Though the government is insisting that its priority is to ease the drinking water crisis during summer, the State may face a shortage by February end or early March," the sources said.

The crisis will also affect the places which depend on groundwater for drinking and irrigation purposes. According to officials from the disaster management wing, due to shortage, farmers have overexploited the groundwater source by drilling borewells. "At many places, the borewells have also become dry," they added.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge had stated that officials have been directed to utilise the services of private water tanker operators in the affected areas.

GS Srinivas Reddy, former director of KSNDMC and now serving as scientific officer, said there are "chances" of the State facing drinking water issues. Farmers had been asked earlier not to cultivate crops that need more water. He urged people to avoid wasting water and plug leaks.

The MUV which caught fire killing T Anil Kumar (inset) in Anchepalya on Bengaluru-Tumakuru road, on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Hybrid vehicle goes up in flames, realtor charred

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 48-year-old realtor was charred beyond recognition after the Multi Utility Vehicle (MUV) he was driving caught fire near Jindal in Anchepalya on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru road on Tuesday afternoon. Since the vehicle caught engulfed in flames in seconds, the victim could not come out. It is said that he tried to open the door but the vehicle's central locking system was jammed. Employees of a nearby petrol bunk made a futile attempt to douse the fire with fire extinguishers. MN Halli police identified the victim as T Anil Kumar, a resident of Shettihalli in Jalahalli West, based on the vehicle's registration number.

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Kolar man arrested for killing married minor daughter for chatting with lover

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

NANGLI police on Tuesday cracked a case of honour killing where a man had murdered his minor daughter at Musturu village in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district on May 21.

The accused had murdered his daughter for keeping in touch with her lover although she was married to another man. Kolar SP M Narayan said after committing the crime, Ravi, 54, of Musturu village lodged a complaint with Nangli police on May 22 stating that his daughter, who returned home from her in-laws' house, had gone missing. The police, who registered the complaint, could not achieve any breakthrough. Ten days ago, the police received an anonymous letter from some villagers, who suspected Ravi's role in his daughter's disappearance.

Police collect evidence from the farm of murder accused at Musturu on Tuesday

After keeping a close watch on Ravi, the police took him into their custody on Tuesday. Ravi revealed that his 17-year-old daughter, who was studying I PU, was in love with his cousin brother Kalyan Kumar. He objected to this and got his daughter married to Subramani, a resident of Jodi Krishnarajapuram in Vemgal police limits. Even after her marriage, Ravi's daughter was in touch with Kumar over the phone. Enraged by this, Subramani summoned Ravi to his house. Ravi, who went to his son-in-law's house, brought his daughter back to Musturu. Later, Ravi took her to his farm on the outskirts of the village and beat her to death with a wooden log and burnt her body there.

A police team visited Ravi's farm and conducted a spot mahazar. They collected some charred remains and sent them to the FSL for tests. Ravi confessed that he killed his daughter as she brought disgrace to his family by continuing her affair with Kumar. Along with murder charge, a case of child marriage will be filed against Ravi and others, the SP said.

ED: Vadra stayed in UK property tied to crime

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said businessman Robert Vadra renovated and stayed at a London property, which is a "proceeds of crime" in a money laundering case against fugitive arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari.

The ED made this allegation in a statement on the filing a Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (chargesheet) on December 21 against Cheruvathur Chakutty Thampi (CC Thampi), a UAE-based NRI and Sumit Chadha, a UK national, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before a special PMLA court here. The court took cognisance of it on December 22. The ED probe revealed that Bhandari held various undisclosed foreign assets, including properties at No. 12 Bryanston Square, London and 6, Grosvenor Hill Court, London. These assets are proceeds of crime as per the provisions of PMLA, 2002. Thampi and Chadha are involved in the concealment and use of these proceeds of crime, the statement noted.

The ED claimed that Thampi is a close associate of Vadra, adding Vadra not only renovated the aforesaid property at 12, Bryanston Square, London through Chadha but also stayed in the same. "Further, Robert Vadra as well as CC Thampi purchased huge chunk of land at Faridabad and had financial transactions with each other. Further investigation is under progress." Vadra, husband of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, was questioned by the ED in 2019 in this case.

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Nakshatra: Ardra 10.59 pm • Moon in kataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 14°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST Sunny

Sunrise 6.39 am
Sunset 6.01 pm
Moonrise 5.25 pm
Moonset 5.53 am

Ejipura flyover work to resume by Jan 2024

BBMP yet to give Rs 8 crore advance; project in limbo since 2019; flyover to help avoid traffic junctions

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WORK on the much-awaited Ejipura elevated corridor project costing Rs 176.86 crore is set to commence in January, with Hyderabad-based Bollineni Seenaiah Company Private Limited (BSCPL) entering an agreement with BBMP on November 15 to take over incomplete projects.

The project will be completed in 15 months, and will connect Southeast Bengaluru to East and West Bengaluru.

However, BBMP is yet to give 5 per cent advance of Rs 8 crore to the agency within 30 days, as per agreement. Residents assume the project may hit a dead end and the new agency will abandon work over delay in payments.

"The project commenced in 2017 when Congress was in power in Karnataka. About 30 per cent work was completed by the previous agency, Simplex Infrastructure Limited. Soon after the Congress-JDS coalition government fell in 2019, the project slowed down and was abandoned by the agency in 2021. BBMP had to pay an outstanding amount of Rs 15 crore then. With another agency coming forward, BBMP should now make monthly payments of about Rs 8-10 crore without fail. If not, the project may again come to a halt," said an official.

> **The previous BJP government did not take an interest in the project. Under the present Congress government, the project has gained life and will be completed soon**
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> Ramalinga Reddy, Transport Min

Earlier, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who is also BTM Layout MLA, said the flyover will help avoid traffic junctions like Srinivagilu-Ejipura, Sony World Junction, BDA Complex Junction, Madiwala-Sarjapur Water Tank Junction, Kendriya Sadan Junction and connect the Southeast part to East and West Bengaluru. "The previous BJP government did not take an interest in the project and also diverted funds to areas ruled by BJP lawmakers. Currently, under the present Congress government, the project has gained life and will be completed soon," said Reddy. Before work picked up pace, the agency has taken up pre-casting work and removal of trees marked for the project. "As per plan, 63 trees were marked and so far 25 have been cut," said a BBMP official. The officials added that payments will not be an issue anymore, with the government keen on finding a solution to traffic.

'Put up Kannada boards in 15 days'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A survey of commercial shops on arterial and sub-arterial roads in the city should be started and notices should be issued to shops to use Kannada language in their name boards, said Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath after holding a meeting with zonal commissioners about implementing Kannada sign boards across Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The commissioner also set a 15-day deadline and directed zonal commissioners to issue notices to engineers in this regard. Girinath also warned mall owners saying, disciplinary action will be taken if Kannada nameplates are not installed.

Two days ago, he said, as per rules 60 per cent of Kannada language should be used on boards and nameplates of shop fronts, hotels, malls and other commercial outlets under the jurisdiction of the corporation.

The Chief directed officials that, in case shops and establishments on arterial and sub-arterial roads fail to follow rules, the officials should suspend the licence of such establishments and later cancel it if the owners remain adamant and do not follow the rules.

AGENCIES DRAW UP SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR NYE FETE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

TO avoid a stampede at MG Road Metro Station after New Year celebrations, city police in consultation with BMRCL officials, will close MG Road Metro Station on Sunday night. Metro passengers can alight at the station but cannot board the Metro. They have to board at Cubbon Park or Trinity stations.

Earlier on Tuesday, Home Minister G Parameshwara held a meeting with police, BBMP, health, power and excise officials, and said precautionary measures will be taken in Bengaluru and cities of Mysuru, Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi.

City Police Commissioner B Dayananda told the media that security arrangements for New Year's Eve were made keeping in mind last year's experience of a stampede. "There was a stampede near MG Road Metro station. To prevent such things, a meeting was convened with BMRCL officials and it was decided to close MG Road Metro station after the celebrations. The crowd will be split towards Cubbon Park and Trinity stations and will prevent any possible stampede," he said.

Except for the flyover to Kempegowda International Airport, all other flyovers will be shut after 9pm Sunday. This will prevent mishaps and fatal accidents. Special police teams have been formed to look for 'wheelie wonkers'. The entire city police force, including law and order, traffic and KSRP, will be deputed to ensure the celebrations go off without a hitch.

Jt Commissioner of Traffic MN Anucheth said those found driving/riding under the influence of alcohol will be sternly dealt with.

"Watchtowers, women's safety islands, kiosks with health and BBMP officials, mufti police personnel will be deployed to keep an eye on troublemakers, drone cameras will also be in place. Surprise checks are being made on residences of habitual drug peddlers and rowdy sheeters. They are also being summoned to police stations, to ensure that party-goers are not in the wrong place in the wrong company," Dayananda said.

He said the guidelines were set after a meeting with the Home Minister and other civic agencies. He, however, asserted that police will stand by any decisions taken by health officials. The commissioner said the deadline for pubs and restaurants to close will be 1am, and 11pm for wine stores.

"Directions have been given to owners of pubs to maintain a register of customers, with names, telephone numbers and addresses of customers. Such measures have been taken to prevent minors visiting pubs and drug peddlers from selling drugs inside pubs," he added.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

City traffic police have imposed restrictions on movement of traffic and banned parking of vehicles on MG Road, Brigade Road, Church Street, St Mark's Road, Rest House Road and Residency Road on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday for the New Year celebrations. Except for police vehicles and those of essential services, all other vehicles will be denied entry on these roads from 8pm Sunday. Parking on these roads will be banned from Sunday afternoon till 3am Monday. Only unidirectional movement will be allowed for public visiting these roads

CCTV cameras being installed on Brigade Road ahead of New Year celebrations. Over 200 cameras will be fixed on M G Road and Brigade Road | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

NO ENTRY

- MG Road: Anil Kumble Circle to Residency Road near Mayo Hall
- Brigade Road: Cauvery Emporium Junction to Opera Junction
- Church Street: Brigade Road to Museum Road
- Museum Road: MG Road to Old Madras Road Junction
- Rest House Road: Museum Road to Brigade Road
- Residency Road Cross: Residency Road to MG Road (Shankar Nag theatre)

NO PARKING

- MG Road: Anil Kumble Circle to Trinity Circle

Lecturers to get training on CET applications on Dec 28

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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TO ensure students do not make mistakes while filling out online applications for the Common Entrance Test (CET), the Karnataka Examination Authority will hold a 'CET Vidyarthi Mitra', master trainer programme on December 28.

Usually, candidates make several mistakes while filling up the application form with names, Revenue Division number (RD) and errors while listing out their select categories and caste. This leads to delays in the application and the CET process, which may cause candidates to miss their chances of getting desired seats. Sometimes, this may force authorities to drop out aspirants from the entire process. Training has been arranged to avoid such circumstances, stated the release.

To ease the process KEA decided to to hold a Master Training programme. "As part of it, KEA will train eight lecturers from pre-university science colleges in each district at the KEA office. Master trainers will thereby train two lecturers from each college in their respective districts," said Ramya S, Executive Director, KEA.

Those who are master-trained here will further train two lecturers from each college in their respective districts. During the final stage, the trained lecturers in every college will train the students about filling up applications. They will also ensure the filling up of applications at their colleges provided they have the required infrastructure.

K'taka must have a sports university, says Dr G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE government will make all efforts to encourage sports in the state. Currently, there are sports universities in Australia, the United States of America and China. Karnataka should also have one which will benefit the youth, and the government is ready to provide all assistance, Home Minister G Parameshwara said on Tuesday.

He was speaking at the Karnataka Olympic Association (KOA) Awards held at Raj Bhavan, where 18 sportspersons from the state were felicitated for their exceptional performance in their chosen sport. The awardees included several individuals who won big at the 2022 Asian Games and the ones with national accolades showing promise.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Home Minister G Parameheshwara, president KOA and political Secretery for CM Dr K Govindaraj during Karnataka Olympic Association award 2023 ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

The home minister added that five acres of land near the international airport had been marked for construction of a well-equipped basketball court. "More than 15 manmade tracks have been constructed in the state, and Rs 58 crore was invested to build a stadium in Tumakuru. Similar stadiums will be built in other districts," he stated.

On reservation, Parameshwara said 3 per cent quota for sportspersons will apply to all government jobs.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot commended the awardees and said they were a source of inspiration for the youth. He also advocated establishing a modern 'Sports Centre' in the state and urged the government to accelerate its efforts to prepare the 75 best players for the Olympics and Asian Games.

Motivating students, Dr K Govindaraj, president of KOA, said Karnataka is home to sports and youngsters should focus on perfecting their craft, everything else will be taken care of by the organisation.

Sports Minister B Nagendra, Sports and Youth Empowerment and ST Welfare Department principal secretary N Manjunath Prasad and commissioner Sashikumar N were a part of the event.

Promoting public transport: BMTC to get 1,400 electric buses next April

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BY April next year, there will be 1,400 electric buses operated by Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) in the city, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said after flagging off 100 non-AC electric buses at Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday.

Siddaramaiah said that the new electric buses have been added to promote public transport in the city and reduce vehicular pollution. Hitting out the Opposition BJP for criticising the 'Shakti' scheme, the CM said, "Women in Karnataka have undertaken 120 crore rides in state road transport buses for free after the launch of the Shakti scheme. A total of 40 lakh people travel on BMTC daily. In this, women of all castes, all religions and women of all walks of life are travelling for free."

An electric bus that was flagged off on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

He questioned why the BJP did not implement the free bus travel scheme for the welfare of people when it was in power. He went on to explain how the Congress' guarantees have benefited the poor, labourers, farmers and women, and how it has increased the purchasing power of people and the economic activity of the state.

The salient features of the electric buses which have a seating capacity of 35 include zero emissions, a 200-km range per charge, LED destination boards with a voice announcement system, panic button for women's safety and advanced safety features such as FDAS (Fire Detection and Alarm system), regenerative braking, and ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance System).

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27TH December : You might have heard that we are discovering more and more planets out there, just like our own Earth. The big question is whether there are people on them, just like us? And how like us would they be? Would they have religions like ours? Would they be peace-loving - or not? One day we will find out, although perhaps not in our life-times.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Pluto's position is a fair indica-tion that busi-ness affairs are teetering on the brink of welcome transformation whether you realise it yet or not. The advantage of astrology is that it can advise you how to take great care with investments, especially if money other than your own is involved. That's why you're being told to hang on until certainty returns.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It's quite conceivable that today's delicate planetary alignment will go completely unnoticed, yet you must be aware that powerful, emotional undercurrents could easily come to the surface. The wise Taurean will resolve problems sooner rather than later.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're never as confident as you seem and you should admit the extent to which your behaviour is influenced by the same concern for security and happiness that motivates other people, especially in view of today's unusual, intriguing planetary alignments.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You seem to be having difficulty distinguishing between fact and fantasy and the worry is that you're about to reap the harvest of past mistakes. Yet, it's never too late to learn who is for you and who is against you. There may still be some stress at work, but it seems to have more to do with the past than the present.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There's no sign of an end to current confusion, yet you must take a positive attitude based on the realisation that you are going through a vital period of psychological spring-cleaning which is heralding a new cycle of your life. Mars makes a meal of your financial affairs, so try to stick to the important questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
In spite of your reputation, you often thrive on challenging circumstances, and this is one time when you can put your skills in crisis management to the test, much to the relief of at least one old friend. Remember, though, that if you push someone too hard you may drive them away.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The fact is that a great many people are concerned about their investments but, unlike most of your acquaintances, you've a chance to shape the outcome to your benefit and avoid the losses that may be hovering on the horizon. Partners will soon thank you for your past efforts, by the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The current double formation between the Sun and Neptune is a beautiful planetary alignment which brings you the possibility of completely rearranging your priorities, even to the extent of successfully making a final break in a partnership that no longer pleases you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
In spite of evidence to the contrary, it's ninety-five per cent certain that current fears and phobias exist solely in your own mind and that in reality there's little to worry about. So keep cool and don't lose your head. Otherwise you'll annoy people instead of getting them on your side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Somehow you must distinguish between close colleagues who genuinely have your interests at heart and those who are merely using you for their own selfish ends. It will help to become more discriminating when you meet new people, rather than finding out too late that you've made the wrong friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The plain fact is that nothing lasts for ever, and comfortable though your life might be in several important respects, you will soon be forced to make important changes across the whole spectrum from professional to private affairs. And when you do that, you'll start attracting very different people into your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon confers a degree of emotional security which should help you through a series of upheavals. In fact, over the next few days, you'll probably be inundated with friends appealing to you for assistance. Not all requests for help will be genuine, though, so you could have some difficult choices to make.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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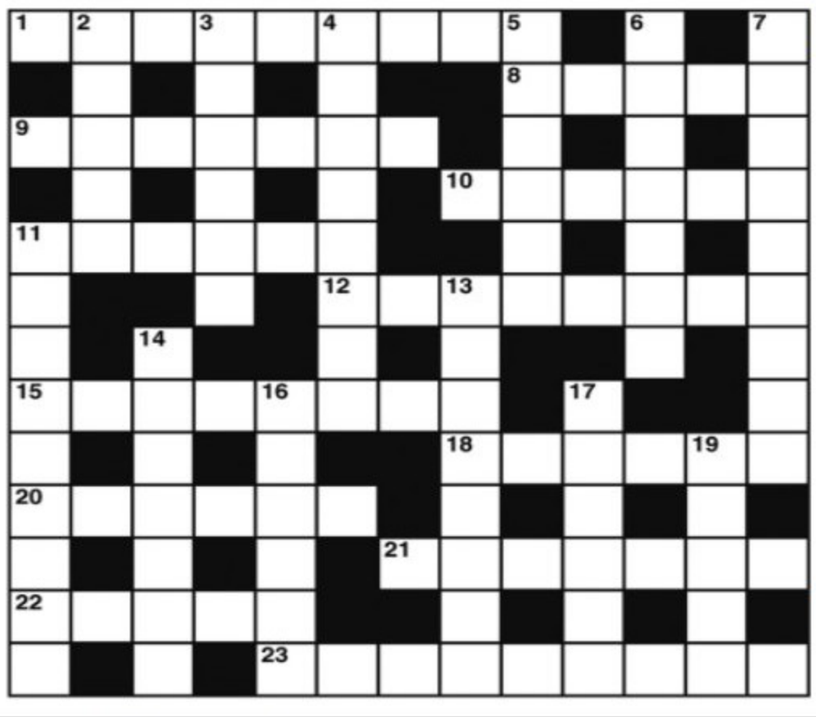

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ACROSS

1 Stuff obtainable from tubes and cans (9)
8 Hearing test (5)
9 Mother hides a mark with cosmetics (7)
10 Risk not completing part of the church (6)
11 Joined up in the heat of the moment (6)
12 Cinerama developed in the States (8)
15 When women propose to break with tradition (4,4)
18 It shows a certain delicacy of feeling (6)
20 Show a different Venice (6)
21 An unusual form of greed got one's back up (7)
22 The dark knight has been guillotined (5)
23 Tennis shots popular with audiences? (5,4)

DOWN

2 States the time for practice (5)
3 Withdraw a direction to surrender (6)
4 Warmed drink for a dog (8)
5 Artist who may scratch a living (6)
6 It gives accommodation inside a speed boat (7)
7 Showing unusual talent; are to take turns (9)
11 Source of water intended to be helpful (4-5)
13 The wages of sin - and anger (8)
14 They show the popularity of sailors (7)
16 Cathy's rocking the boats (6)
17 Not heart broken Knight of the Round Table (6)
19 Teach badly - and the pupils may have to (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Brevity, 4 Unapt, 7 Need, 8 Benefice, 10 Snow and ice, 12 Sits in, 13 Treaty, 15 Phrase book, 18 Deadline, 19 Thea, 20 Lodge, 21 Parasol.

Down: 1 Bonds, 2 Eyetooth, 3 Yields, 4 Unescorted, 5 Avid, 6 Therapy, 9 Danish blue, 11 Galoshes, 12 Scandal, 14 Catnap, 16 Kraal, 17 Paid.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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So you have no idea what it looks like?
No, but I feel we're getting closer.
10/30
WHEN ASKED IF HE'D SEEN THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN, THE TRACKER SAID ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ( ) " ( ) "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KOALA FLUID BRIGHT KOSHER
Answer: Sleepy Hollow's famous horseman was being chased and had to — HEAD FOR THE HILLS

M'luru-Goa VB Express The Railways conducted the trial run of Vande Bharat Express betwe-en Mangaluru Jn and Madgaon Jn in Goa on Tuesday. PM Modi will launch 2 Amrut Bhar-at and five Vande Bharat trains on December 30 at Ayodhya

HOSKOTE FOOD POISONING

NUMBER OF HOSPITALISED RISES TO 217

39 in ICU; lab results of food samples and blood reports expected tomorrow

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE number of people hospitalised in Sunday's food poisoning incident in Hoskote in Bengaluru Rural went up to 217 from 135, state health officials said on Tuesday. The number of patients in the ICU too increased to 39 from 35.

The police had said that they suspect the cause of food poisoning to be 'prasada' offered at two temples in Hoskote.

According to health officials, the numbers increased after devotees who consumed the prasada got admitted to hospitals for treatment on Tuesday after they complained of vomiting and dysentery.

"The inpatient count is now 217... up from 135. The number of patients in ICU has increased from 35 to 39. Two of the 39 in the ICU are above the age of 80 and have comorbidities and are being monitored. All the 217 inpatients are spread across five hospitals in Hoskote and Bengaluru," Dr Triveni, Joint Director (CMD) of the state health department, said.

Dr Triveni also added that they have made provisions to admit people at CV Raman Nagar General Hospital and Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru if the numbers increase. Officials confirmed that the health of those admitted is improving. On the reason for food poisoning, an official said, "We can comment on that only after we receive the lab results of the food samples and blood reports. They are expected by Thursday."

MEETING ON FOOD SAFETY SOON: MINISTER

BENGALURU: In the wake of the Hoskote food poisoning incident, the Karnataka government has decided to formulate guidelines to prevent such incidents in the future. Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa said that a meeting of food safety and health department officials will be convened soon to discuss the matter. Muniyappa visited Hoskote on Tuesday and met those admitted. Speaking to reporters, the minister said that a case has been registered and the matter is being investigated. "Unfortunately, one person died. The condition of others is stable. A few have been discharged too," he added. The minister also said that the medical expenses of those in hospitals will be borne by the State Government. **ENS**

The charred remains of the MUV which caught fire in Anchepalya on Bengaluru-Tumakuru road, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Anil had no chance to escape, says eyewitness

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THE vehicle was registered at Yeshwantpur RTO in January 2023.

The incident happened between 3pm and 3.15pm, when the MUV was moving towards the city. One fire tender was pressed into service to put out the blaze. Traffic movement was thrown out of gear.

"The exact reason behind the fire is yet to be ascertained. According to eyewitnesses, the fire started within the vehicle and the driver couldn't come out. The vehicle was not fitted with CNG, but was a hybrid vehicle. The vehicle was coming towards the city," Mallikarjun Baladandi, Bengaluru Rural SP told *The New Indian Express*.

Abhishek, an eyewitness, said he was riding his bike on the service road and saw the vehicle burning. "There was only one person in the vehicle and he had no chance of escape. He was charred and the vehicle was completely gutted. Only iron parts of the car remained. The driver of a bus coming behind the MUV also tried to douse the fire with the fire extinguisher in the bus," Abhishek said.

MN Halli police registered a case, and investigations are on.

464 active Covid-19 cases in Karnataka

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THE Indian Institute of Science and Indian Statistical Institute will be asked to come up with a Covid-19 prediction model.

Stating that guidelines for audit of deaths have been issued, Gundu Rao said seven deaths have been reported in the State. Of them, three tested JN.1 positive.

He said 30,000 vaccine doses will be procured with a special focus on senior citizens and immunocompromised persons. Detailed Covid-19 guidelines will be issued by the Health Department soon.

CASE NUMBERS	
Positive cases on Dec 26	74
Active cases	464 (16 in ICU, 25 general wards, 423 in home isolation)
Tests done	6,403
Deaths	2
Positivity Rate	1.15%

2 die after car rams parked truck

ENS @ Bengaluru

TWO of five car-borne passengers were killed on the spot in a traffic accident near Madava NICE Road toll in the early hours of Tuesday. The three passengers who survived are undergoing treatment. The driver of the car rammed a parked truck, which he was unable to see due to suspected early morning fog. Police are not ruling out the possibility of the driver having dozed off.

The deceased have been identified as 55-year-old Manjunath of Chunchaghatta on Kanakapura Road, and the driver of the car as Naveen, 34. Manjunath's wife Hemalatha and children Kruthika, 20, and son Prajwal, 15, who survived, are undergoing treatment.

Manjunath and his family had reportedly gone on vacation towards Mangaluru, and were returning home on Tuesday morning. Naveen is said to have dozed off and rammed the lorry parked by the roadside. Other motorists shifted the victims to hospital.

Nelamangala traffic police registered a case.

EXPRESS READ

45 students injured in bus mishap in Haveri

HAVERI: As many as 45 schoolchildren were injured after the KKRTC bus they were travelling overturned at Allipur village in Savanur taluk of Haveri district on Tuesday. The injured are from government higher primary school in Sajjanagudda of Raichur district. The condition of four students is critical **ENS**

HC upholds move not to register paramedic as med practitioner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court upheld the action of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer and Member Secretary of the Registration Committee, who declined to register Annaiah N, a paramedic, as a medical practitioner under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act, in Kolar district.

Annaiah submitted the application online, claiming to be entitled to register himself under the Act as he has been practising at 'Sangeetha Clinic' for several years in KGF. It was rejected on September 25, 2023 on the grounds that the qualification of the applicant does not permit registration under the Act. "He is not a doctor as defined under the Act. He is also not one of those practitioners as defined under the Act. He claims to have practised for ages at Kolar and would obviously be even prescribing medicine. Time has come to pull the curtain down on such people who are practising medicine without qualification and hoodwinking poor people in rural areas," said Justice M Nagaprasanna, rejecting Annaiah's petition filed by questioning the endorsement. Observing that no fault can be found with the endorsement issued to Annaiah, the court said the endorsement also notices that the clinic would be seized. It is rather strange that the petitioner has addressed himself as a practising doctor for all these years, the court said.

It noted Annaiah has a diploma in community medical services with essential drugs conferred by the Indian Council of Medico Technical and Health Care, a society registered under the Societies Registration Adhiniyam, Kanpur. This meant that he studied a paramedical course. It is clear that the qualification possessed by the petitioner does not make him a 'Private Medical Practitioner' under the Act, the court said.

DEUTSCHE BANK AG
26- 27, Raheja Towers, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 23rd January 2024 up to 4:00 pm

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of DEUTSCHE BANK AG had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with our Branch with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

Lot No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Property/ies Description	Demand Notice Date / Outstanding Amount (Secured debt)	Authorized Officer's Details	EMD SUBMISSION ACCOUNT DETAILS	Reserve Price / EMD / Minimum Bid Enhance Amount	Date/ Time of E - Auction
1.	Deutsche Bank AG , # 26- 27, Raheja Towers, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001 **M/s. NKS Equipments Rentals Private Limited,** Mr. Navin Kumar & Mr. Francis Anil.	**Property - 01** All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 203, 2nd Floor, Tetra Grand's Green Apple Apartments, Survery No. 28/3, Mariyannapalya, Dasarahalli Dhakle, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560024. 1212 Sq. ft (of super built up area) 363/46827 sq feet share Undivided share. **Property - 02** All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 204, 2nd floor, Tetra Grand's Green Apple Apartments, Survery No.28/3, Mariyannapalya, Dasarahalli Dhakle, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560024. 1212 Sq. ft (of super built up area) 363/46827 sq feet share Undivided share.	**28th September 2021 Rs. 1,65,92,543.08** as on **31-August-2021** + interest + other charges	**Mr. Dhaneshwar Koganur** Mobile No. **9886227701** Email Id **dhaneshwar.koganur@db.com**	**A/c No.** 078494027010068 **A/c Name–Deutsche** Bank AG EMD, **Name of the Beneficiary** -Deutsche Bank AG **IFSC-** DEUT0784PBC	Property – 01 **Rs.59,40,000.00** **Rs.5,94,000.00** (10% of the Reserve Price) **50,000.00** (Bid Inc. Amount) Property – 02 **Rs.59,40,000.00** **Rs.5,94,000.00** (10% of the Reserve Price) **50,000.00** (Bid Inc. Amount)	**24 - January - 2024, 12:00 PM to 1 PM**

The e-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**.

1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property/ies put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders on **6th January 2024 between 11 am to 3 pm.**
3. The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: **https://www.bankeauctions.com** (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above.

After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: https//www.bankeauctions.com) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail ID : support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries : sales@bankeauctions.com, 7291981129 and for any property related query may contact Authorised Officer: **Mr. Dhaneshwar Koganur ; Mobile No : 9886227701 e-mail ID: dhaneshwar.koganur@db.com** during the working hours from Monday to Saturday.

4. The interested bidder has to submit their Bid Documents (not below the Reserve Price) and required documents (mentioned in Point No. 3) on/ before **23rd January 2024 upto 4.00 pm** and after going through the Registering Process (One time) and generating User ID & Password of their own, shall be eligible for participating the e-Auction Process, subject to due verification (of the documents) and/ or approval of the Authorised Officer. EMD also can be deposited in the bank by way demand draft favoring "Deutsche Bank AG EMD" the same will be returned to unsuccessful bidder.
5. During the Online Inter-se Bidding, Bidder can improve their Bid Amount as per the 'Bid Enhancement Amount' (mentioned above) or its multiple and in case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e-Auction process), otherwise, it'll automatically get closed. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on the closure of the e-Auction Process shall be declared as a Successful Bidder by the Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor, after required verification
6. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorised Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the offer shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting borrower shall have no claim/ right in respect of property/ amount.
7. The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorised Officer/ Bank nor M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event.
8. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment/electricity charges, fees etc. owing to anybody.
9. The Authorised Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e-Auction without assigning any reason thereof.
10. The bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction available on the Web Portal of M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., https://www.bankeauctions.com before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction
11. The publication is subject to the force Majeure clause.
12. This Notice is also a Notice to the Borrowers under Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Special Instructions

13. Bidding in the last moment should be avoided in the bidders own interest as neither the DEUTSCHE BANK AG nor Service provider will be responsible for any lapse/failure (Internet failure/power failure etc.) in order to ward-off such contingent situations bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangements / alternatives such as power supply back-up etc, so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 27.12.2023 **Place:** Bangalore — **Dhaneshwar Koganur - Authorised Officer, DEUTSCHE BANK AG**

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for admission to PhD and Integrated PhD programmes in Physics and Theoretical Computer Science will be held on 3rd March 2024.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

Application Notification No. B/C.210/Halts/DJL & GJT/2023-24/ Bengaluru Division

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of Halt Agent from educated unemployed persons residing in and around of the below mentioned Halt Stations for issuing Unreserved tickets on Commission basis for a period of five (05) years or till up-gradation of the station whichever is earlier.

Sl. No	Station		Section	To Start functioning from
1	Dodjala	DJL	Yelahanka - Kolar	Date will be notified by the administration
2	Jannaghatta	GJT	Chikballapur - Kolar	

Date and Time of submission of application : From 10:00 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs. of 04.01.2024

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUB/580/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Bengaluru**

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

International Institute for Population Sciences
(Deemed to be University)
Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai – 400 088.
Website: www.iipsindia.ac.in E-mail: administration@iipsindia.ac.in

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR & SENIOR PROFESSOR

Advt. no. IIPS/RECT.DIR & SR. PROF./04/2023

The International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, invites applications for the post of Director & Senior Professor in the prescribed format along with attested copies of testimonials/ certificates etc. to be addressed to Mr. Amrit Lal Jangid, Joint Director (Statistics), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Room No.317, 3rd floor, IRCS Building, Red Cross Road, New Delhi – 110001.

For details please visit Institute's website at **www.iipsindia.ac.in**. The last date for the receipt of the application in the prescribed format will be four weeks from the date of publishing the advertisement i.e. 5th February, 2024 (closing date).

Applications received thereafter will not be considered.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.

No.: EE/P-W/TEND/13/2023-24 **Date :26.12.2023**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT)
(Through KPP Protal Only) (Single Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the work detailed the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Repair and Maintenance work for Parks in Chamarajpet Constituency. **(Call-3)** (Reserved for General Category)	6.50	16,250/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal **from 27.12.2023 onwards. 2)** Pre-Bid Meeting : **30.12.2023 at 3.00 p.m. 3)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **05.01.2024 upto 4.00 p.m. 4)** Opening of financial bid : **08.01.2024 at 4.30 p.m. (if possible).** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact undersigned office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 407/SE/PHC/ TSR/2023-24

1.JJM Pavaratty Regional Water Supply Scheme - Collection Chamber and Leading Channel from collection chamber to well-Thrithala. EMD: Rs. 1,00,000/-; Tender fee: Rs. 8,850/-; Last Date for submitting Tender: 08-01-2024, 03:00:pm Phone : 0487 – 2423230
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-1888-2023-24 PH Circle, Thrissur

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Kancheepuram
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Melakottaiyur, Off Vandalur - Kelambakkam Road, Chennai - 600 127, Tamil Nadu, India

Advt.No. IIITDMK/Admn/C-7-2023

IIITDM Kancheepuram, located at Chennai (25km from airport) invites applications for the following non-faculty contractual posts:

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Applications are invited from B.E. / B.Tech graduates with 10 years over all experience in which 5 Years in Placements / HR / Marketing in Manufacturing or IT industry.

Application and other details are available at **www.iiitdm.ac.in**.

The last date for submitting online application is 10 January 2024. **Registrar**

OPPORTUNITIES

General

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No. AD/RSC-I-21-66/2011/2714 Dated, the 19th December, 2023

Advertisement

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for engagement of 01(one) **General Duty Medical Officer** on contractual basis in Paradip Port Authority.

For further details, visit our website **www.paradipport.gov.in.**

Sd/- Sr. Asst. Secretary,
Paradip Port Authority

PPA/PR/71/2023-2024 Dt. 26.12.2023

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Applications are invited for appointment of **3 Assistant Professors in Malayalam** in Sree Narayana College, Nattika, affiliated to the University of Calicut under the Management of S.N.Colleges, Kollam.

Qualification and Age : As per UGC / University / Government norms
50% vacancies are reserved for Community quota

Application forms can be had from the Office of the Secretary, Sree Narayana Trusts,Kollam,on payment of Rs.2,000/-(Rupees Two thousand only) Rs.2,050/- (Rupees two thousand fifty) by Money Order.

Duly filled in application form along with required documents may be submitted to the undersigned within one month from the date of publication of notification.

Sd/-
Kollam Vellappally Natesan
27.12.23 Manager
Sree Narayana Colleges,Kollam

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said Congress' policy is to provide political representation in elections to even the smallest of communities. Speaking to reporters here on Tuesday, Parameshwara said the party has always stood for each and every community and this has been the practice for long

BSY cashed in huge on pandemic, says Yatnal

BJP MLA alleges former CM allowed misappropriation of Rs 40,000 cr, threatens to expose leaders if expelled

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

IN one of the most direct and sharpest attacks against BS Yediyurappa, BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Tuesday accused the former chief minister of making huge amounts of money during the Covid pandemic.

Talking to media persons, Yatnal said that while the price of a face mask in the market was only Rs 45, Yediyurappa got the government to pay Rs 485, increasing the price by over 10 times.

"Not only that, the then government hired around 10,000 beds to set up quarantine centres. It paid Rs 20,000 as rent for each bed. For that amount, they could have easily purchased two new beds. It was open loot when Yediyurappa was chief minister. He allowed misappropriation of funds to the tune of Rs 40,000 crores," Yatnal alleged.

He said that during the pandemic, hospitals charged Rs 8-10 lakhs from each Covid patient in the name of treatment. "I was charged Rs 5.8 lakh when I was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru for Covid," he said.

He said that being an MLA, he could get the charges reimbursed from the government, but what about the poor who could not afford such huge hospital bills, he asked.

To a question, he threatened to expose more BJP leaders if he is expelled from the party. "Let the party expel me, I will then expose each of them as I know a lot about these people" he threatened.

He also accused former agriculture minister BC Patil of being the most corrupt agriculture minister.

He was replying to Patil's remarks, advising him to float own party if he has so many problems with BJP leaders, including Yediyurappa.

"I know how corrupt Patil was when he was agriculture minister. If you (media persons) talk in private with officials of the agriculture department, they will tell you that they have never seen such a corrupt minister," Yatnal charged.

He alleged that Patil centralised the supply of fertilisers and agriculture equipment so that the commission money reached him directly.

1st meet of BJP office-bearers today

Bengaluru: The first meeting of newly appointed office-bearers of the BJP state unit will be held on Wednesday. The party will also start the process of appointment of new presidents of district units. BJP General Secretary P Rajiv said consultations will be held with local leaders before deciding on appointment of district-level office-bearers. Rajiv said BJP state president B Y Vijayendra will hold a meeting with senior leaders, including former chief ministers B S Yediyurappa, DV Sadananda Gowda and Basavaraj Bommai as well as former BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Thursday to formulate a strategy for the Lok Sabha polls and expose the state government's failures. **ENS**

2023: Environment sector, like different shades of forest

BOSKY KHANNA

FOR Karnataka, 2023 was like different shades of the forest — glowing in the sun with the tiger census report, rumbling with pride with the elephant census report, while being filled with shades of grey, recording a rise in man-animal conflicts that saw several deaths.

Just ahead of the assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the all-India tiger census report in July in Mysuru, which showed Karnataka continuing to retain its second position, housing 563 tigers. The PM went on a safari at Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The location was important as it was among the first nine tiger reserves declared in India. The event was also important as it marked 50 years of Project Tiger.

Subsequently in August, the all-South India elephant census report was released and the state retained its No. 1 position, with 6,395 pachyderms. The assessment was important as Karnataka had taken the lead in taking up the census along with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

As the state's back was patted emphatically because of the rising numbers, slips in management too came to light. Elephant electrocutions rose, while instances of tiger and leopard conflicts with humans were no less.

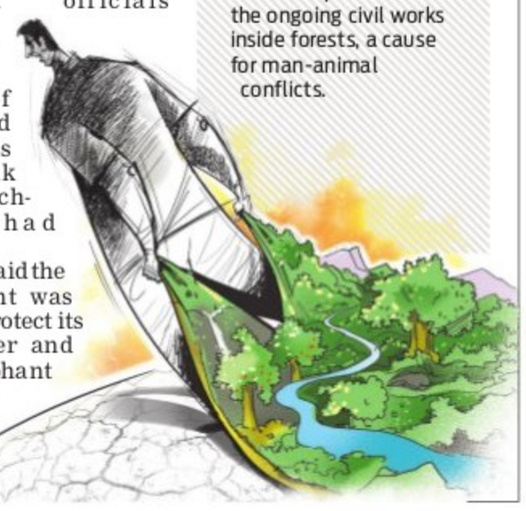
According to department officials, over 70 leopards and three tigers were captured this year. The government faced strong criticism over the death of famous tusker Arjuna, the Golden Howdah-carrying elephant of Mysuru Dasara. He died in conflict with a wild bull in Hassan during a radio-collaring operation in December.

Another incident that stressed more attention towards managing buffer zones and wild animal capture operations was the shooting of a wild leopard in AECS Layout, Bengaluru, in November. The death of forest department's tranquilising expert Venkatesh in Hassan, also raised eyebrows.

To mitigate conflicts, the government announced an elephant task force in districts that are prone to such incidents. Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar Khandre had admitted that conflicts have gone up with the increasing wildlife population. Forest department officials admitted that the carrying capacity of forests and buffer zones had shrunk as encroachments had increased.

Experts said the government was unable to protect its forest cover and create elephant corridors, which led to a rise in conflicts. They pointed to the state government's plan to take over deemed forests, which otherwise act as buffers. Instead of looking at them as revenue patches for real estate, they should be seen as pockets for carbon sequestration, the experts suggested.

Experts recalled that though the government announced tribal relocation, nothing was done on the ground. Instead, the government made efforts to hamper Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary — a prime elephant corridor, to take up Mekedatu reservoir project, over which the government drew flak with Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar making a presentation before Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, seeking funds, without field surveys or public consultations.



MIXED BAG

- In October, forest department staffers picked up Kannada Bigg Boss contestant Varthur Santhosh from the ongoing show for wearing a tiger claw pendant. That led to many raids on politicians and Sandalwood personalities. In December, Khandre and forest officials held a meeting to discuss the legalities of offering a one-time option for people to surrender their wildlife items, as an escape route.
- To address man-elephant conflicts, Khandre made a representation before the central government, seeking the release of Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds to put up more rail barricades around forests.
- The government announced that all encroachments would be cleared, but little was done on the ground. The government was also unable to put an end to the ongoing civil works inside forests, a cause for man-animal conflicts.

Faced with BJP-JDS pact, Cong struggles to draw up list of probables

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH the BJP-JDS alliance poised to jointly contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress is struggling to put together a shortlist of probables in Karnataka. Ministers who were tasked with giving ground reports on individual seats are yet to submit them.

Interestingly, in a majority of seats, names of family members of ministers and heavyweights have come to the fore, sources said. Due to a lack of candidates who fit the bill, the party leadership is looking to field heavyweights as AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge's prestige is at stake on his home turf. The party had suffered a debacle in the last LS polls.

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>
> DK Shivakumar, Deputy CM

The plan now is to field family members of ministers, a source said. For Bidar LS seat, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre's son Sagar's name is doing the rounds. In Uttara Kannada, former minister RV Deshpande's son Prashanth and former Union minister Margaret Alva's son Nivedit Alva are in the reckoning, as is former minister T B Jayachandra's son Sanjay in Tumakuru.

Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa's son Sunil Bose in Chamarajanagar, former minister Vinay Kulkarni's younger brother Vijay, and Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar's relative Rajath Ullagaddimath have emerged frontrunners in Hubballi-Dharwad.

Laxmi and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi are pushing their children in Belagavi and Chikkodi respectively, while Youth Empowerment Minister B Nagendra is trying to project a family member in Ballari.

Cooperation Minister K N Rajanna wants to contest from Tumakuru LS seat, and if he wins, he wants to field his son Raveendra from Madhugiri assembly constituency. His elder son Rajendra is sitting MLC from the local bodies.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra's name was suggested for Mysuru, but after the BJP-JDS alliance, the latter has stepped back, a source said. "Siddaramaiah should take it as a challenge and field his son," the source added.

In Bengaluru Rural, sitting MP DK Suresh is on shaky ground and is planning to switch to a safe seat such as Bengaluru North, observed another Congress leader. The BJP is looking for a new face after sitting MP D V Sadananda Gowda announced his retirement.

"The ministers tasked with shortlisting probable names visited the constituencies and held meetings. Now I am meeting them confidentially with their reports. In 2-3 days, a list of probables will be submitted," Deputy CM Shivakumar told reporters on Monday. According to sources, he will discuss the list with Kharge who is in town.

YUVA NIDHI GETS ON THE ROAD, SIDDU SLAMS MODI

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@ Bengaluru:

THE state government on Tuesday launched registration for the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme which provides financial assistance to unemployed graduates and diploma holders. It is the fifth guarantee announced by Congress in the run-up to assembly polls.

At the launch event, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for saying in his public speech that Karnataka would go bankrupt if guarantee schemes are implemented. "We have implemented five guarantee schemes and the state is not bankrupt. We are a stronger economy now," he added. He said Modi had promised to create two crore jobs every year. "If he had done that, by now it would have been 20 crore jobs. Where are they," he questioned.

He said with 'Yuva Nidhi' financial assistance, the government is providing free training, and the application form is also free. He said that on January 12 on Vivekananda Jayanti, lakhs of eligible youth will get Yuva Nidhi benefit which will be directly credited into their bank accounts. He promised to fill up vacancies in government posts.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said a big event has been organised in Shivamogga on January 12, where money will be sent to those who have registered for Yuva Nidhi. "We are discussing it with our national leaders. We have done what we had promised. It is our gratitude to the people who elected us and gave us power," he said.

The Dy CM said he had read news reports that some youth were going on a pilgrimage to Male Mahadeshwara Hills as they were unable to find brides because of their unemployment. "Yuva Nidhi will give confidence to youth who are trying hard to find employment," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D K Shivakumar and Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil during the launch of the Yuva Nidhi scheme in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Three-day Hampi Utsav from Feb 2

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government will hold the 3-day Hampi Utsav from February 2024. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the event, Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed, who is also Vijayanagara district minister, said on Tuesday. Hampi Utsav was earlier scheduled to be held in November this year. However, it was deferred owing to drought. Zameer said that he has directed Vijayanagara Deputy Commissioner Divakar to make necessary arrangements to hold the utsav. Instructions have also been issued to hold the festival in a grand manner as well as to give an opportunity to local artistes and culture. Zameer also instructed the official to involve the elected representatives from the district, organisations and people in cultural activities to make Hampi Utsav a grand success. **ENS**

Siddu terms minister's remarks on farmers unacceptable

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday termed Sugar and APMC Minister Shivanand Patil's remark that "farmers wish for drought to get their loans waived off" as unacceptable.

Soon after Patil's speech went viral on social media, Opposition parties and farmer leaders had slammed the minister.

Taking to social media, Siddaramaiah said it's crucial to speak about farmers with respect. Making casual comments that could be perceived as disrespectful should be avoided, he advised.

"Minister Shivanand Patil, who hails from a farming family, surely did not have the intention to insult farmers. He made some remarks in jest with farmers around him. However, when applied to the entire farming community, these can be taken out of context and be perceived as offensive. This is unacceptable," he said.

Taking a jibe at BJP leaders for slamming the minister, the CM said they have not done anything for the welfare of farmers and were waiting for opportunities like this to create a controversy.

The chief minister said the Centre did not provide adequate relief for drought-affected farmers in the state and the state government is giving Rs 2,000 to each farming family.

Listing his government's pro-farmer initiatives, the CM said they have decided to waive off the interest on medium- and long-term loans availed from cooperative banks, launched the Krishi Bhagya scheme in 106 taluks, provided three-phase electricity for seven hours to agricultural pump-sets, and decided to regularise Bagair Hukum lands that have been cultivated for 15 years.

He said the government has taken a bold decision to legalise four lakh agricultural pump-sets with illegal electrical connections.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said he was not aware of the context of the minister's statement and that he would speak to Patil.

He said they have no intention to hurt anyone's sentiment and they will work to strengthen farmers.

Modi in single-minded pursuit of progress: BYV

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@Bengaluru

BJP state president and MLA BY Vijayendra said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is determined to transform India into a developed country by 2027.

"The PM is on a single-minded pursuit of the development of the country. He has been working day and night towards this for the last 115 months, without any leave or rest," he said during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in KR Puram here on Tuesday.

Modi kicked off the yatra in November to ensure that the schemes announced by the Centre reach the poorest people in the country.

"In the eighties, there were rampant complaints about people having to stand in queues in front of government offices to avail benefits of state and central schemes. Many a time, people could avail of those benefits only after paying a commission. For example, if the Centre granted Rs 100, only Rs 15 reached the beneficiary. The rest would be pocketed by a network of agents and brokers," he said. "Today, new bank accounts have been opened for crores of people. This has led to all the benefits reaching the Jan Dhan accounts, eliminating any commission."

BJP leaders take oath during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in KR Puram in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

He said the PM fulfilled the party's mission to take tangible and intangible benefits to each and every person without having to face harassment from middlemen. "The Centre has provided domestic gas cylinder connections to 9.60 crore people under the Ujjwala scheme. Every village has been provided with electricity connections," he said.

BJP vice-president and former minister Byrati Basavaraj said, "Modi's achievements in the last 10 years are unique. We will all get a chance to see Modi as PM once again."

A large number of district and mandal leaders and beneficiaries participated in the event.

Shobha keen to contest from Udupi-Ch'magaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chikkamagaluru

WITH the 2024 parliamentary elections just a few months away, the names of several aspirants for a BJP ticket to contest from the Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Lok Sabha constituency are doing the rounds. Prominent among them are former minister Pramod Madhwaraj, former MLA CT Ravi and DN Jeevaraj. At a recent function here, BJP workers had urged Ravi to contest from the constituency and he had given his tacit approval.

Madhwaraj from Udupi has been actively participating in party programmes in Malnad region of the district for the last two months. He also took part in Ganesh Chaturthi and Vijayadashami festival programmes, projecting himself as a prospective candidate if the party high command gives its nod.

Political corridors, meanwhile, are abuzz that sitting MP and Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje will be told to contest from the Vokkaliga stronghold of Bengaluru North constituency as current MP DV Sadananda Gowda has announced his retirement from electoral politics.

However, Karandlaje, who has been camping in Chikkamagaluru for the last few days for the Datta Jayanti festivities, is not keen. On the sidelines of Shobha Yatra, she hinted at contesting from the Udupi-Chikkamagaluru again.

"I brought central funds for several development works in the constituency. On account of my efforts, two Kendriaya Vidyalaya schools were set up in Udupi and Chikkamagaluru. A medical college has been sanctioned and grants are being released to provide infrastructure to colleges. All state highways are being upgraded as national highways. Projects were implemented to develop road, railway and drinking water facilities in the district," Shobha pointed out.

Forest department officials arrested a wood-cutter and seized 35 red sanders logs worth Rs 2.35 lakh at Yeddulakonda under Siddavatam town beat, said Forest Range officer Kalavathi. The forest staff arrested a wood cutter Perumal Subrahmani of Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu

Settle claims of farmers: Nirmala to insurance cos

Critical need for funds for response, relief, and restoration efforts following extreme rainfall in state: Stalin

S GURUVANMIKANATHAN
@ Chennai

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday instructed insurance companies and district administration to settle the damage claims of 2.5 lakh farmers covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Thoothukudi. The total area covered under PMFBY in the district is 1.38 lakh hectares.

The minister visited Thoothukudi on Tuesday to assess the impact of flood. She received a 72-page memorandum from the Tamil Nadu government. Accompanied by Union Minister of State for Fisheries L Murugan and state Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu, Sitharaman also chaired a meeting on the flood situation and reviewed the steps taken by various agencies.

Tamil Nadu Minister for Finance, Thangam Thennarasu giving a comprehensive flood damage report to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman | EXPRESS

Chief Minister M K Stalin in a tweet said the memorandum underscored the critical need for funds for response, relief, and restoration efforts following the extreme rainfall in the four districts of Thoothkudi, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanniyakumari. "Having weathered 50 cyclones in the past century, Tamil Nadu, with the second-largest coastline in India, remains under constant threat. Recent torrential rainfall in southern districts adds to the woes" the CM said. "With only limited fund available under SDRF, the damage far exceeds the current resources. Tamil Nadu earnestly seeks substantial assistance from the Union Govt to confront these unprecedented challenges," the CM said in his tweet.

Under the 15th Finance Commission, the state's allocation for disaster relief was Rs 900 crore. This includes 75% share from the central government. The state had sought Rs 5,000 crore for flood relief in southern districts under NDRF fund and Rs 7,033 crore for Chennai. Sitharaman visited the flood-vicitms. Women living in relief shelters sought assistance to rebuild their lives. District administration was directed to use the PM Awas Yojana funds to rebuild the houses of eligible women and devise ways to be rebuilt homes for those not covered under the scheme.

CYBER FRAUD

Kerala police lose ₹25k from official account

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Thiruvananthapuram

THE police department that often exhorts the public to be aware of cyber frauds itself ended up as a victim as online scammers swindled Rs 25,000 from the official account of Thiruvananthapuram city police commissioner's office. The cyber fraud was committed after the cashier, who was responsible for handling the account, gave away the OTP by clicking an unverified link sent by the scammers.

The incident occurred on December 18, and the account to which the amount was transferred has been suspended, the police said. FIR has been lodged by the City Cyber Police Station.

The cashier who handles this account received an SMS on his mobile number saying that the bank needs to update KYC documents that day itself, and the account will be cancelled if its not updated.

The cashier fell for the trick and clicked the link and then furnished the OTP he had received on his mobile. Soon, the amount was withdrawn.

The cashier soon understood the mistake and lodged an official complaint. The matter was duly reported to the national cyber crime reporting portal following which the account was blocked.

Senior police officials said the incident brought embarrassment to the department that has been engaged in advocating safe cyber security practices. "The incident has caught the department red-faced. However, it has got a positive side also, as now every one will be extra vigilant regarding the cyber crimes," he said.

"There have been numerous circulars issued on do's and don'ts, but it's doubtful whether those circulars are being followed," he said.

Telangana CM, DyCM seek additional funds from Central govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

TELANGANA Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Tuesday and requested him to accord national project status to Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and also release the funds due to the state.

In their half-an-hour meeting with Modi, they explained the financial situation of the state and informed the PM that a white paper on state finances was tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Revanth and Vikramarka, who also holds the Finance portfolio, told Modi that the AP Reorganisation Act mentioned that national project status would be accorded to one project each in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Pointing out that the Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh was accorded national project status, they asked Modi to grant the same status to Palamuru LIS in Telangana.

Revanth said that they submitted representations on funds pending department-wise. Vikramarka said that besides pending funds, they also asked the PM to release additional funds to the state. "The prime minister responded positively to our request," he said.

He said that they also gave a representation on the pending issues of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. Vikramarka said that the previous BRS government neglected the bifurcation issues and failed to take them up with the Centre. "We requested the PM to resolve the pending bifurcation issues."

"Keeping the future of the state in mind, we asked the PM to release additional funds to complete the pending irrigation projects and strengthen the health and education sectors," he said.

He said Rs 1,800 crore BRGF and Rs 2,250 crore central grants were due to the state. He said that the BRGF funds for the years 2019-20, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 were pending. Each of the nine erstwhile districts of the state was supposed to get Rs 50 crore every year.

IN MEMORY OF...

People offer their respects to victims of 2004 tsunami, on the 19th anniversary of the catastrophe, at the Marina, in Chennai on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Cricketer gives video of ex-GF using drugs

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THE city police are examining the content of a video that has been reportedly released by cricketer KC Cariappa against his former girlfriend accusing her of drug usage. City Police Commissioner B Dayananda said that legal implications are being examined and accordingly the police will act. Meanwhile, Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that the charges made by the woman complainant against the cricketer about the usage of drugs have been taken seriously by the police. Action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation, the minister added.

"We will examine the video content that has been released and where it has been released. Procedural implications will be examined. The source of the drugs or the details of the drug peddler is also a part of the investigation. Action will be taken based on evidence. We will examine the legal implications and accordingly proceed," Dayananda added.

Parameshwara further added that the jurisdictional DCP has looked into the matter.

Cariappa, an IPL cricketer in his complaint alleged that his former girlfriend was a drug user and excessive drinker. The cricketer has also released a video to prove his allegations.

The woman had accused him of making her pregnant and coercing her into abortion by feeding her abortion pills. She had also accused him of using drugs.

EXPRESS READ

2024 polls: AP Cong team in Delhi today

Vijayawada:A delegation of Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee has left for New Delhi on Tuesday to participate in the party's co-ordination committee meeting to be held in on Wednesday, ahead of the 2024 elections. AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge, former chief Rahul Gandhi, general secretary KC Venugopal, AICC state in-charge Manickam Tagore, will be attending the meeting. "Focus of the meeting will be the road-map for the 2024 elections and what strategies needs to be adopted," APCC chief Gidugu Rudraraju told TNIE.

Periyar university Vice Chancellor arrested

Salem: The Salem Periyar University Vice Chancellor (VC) R Jagannathan was arrested by the city police on Tuesday, for allegedly starting a private company to offer educational programmes, in association with the university, violating the norms. According to sources, during a meeting on Nov 6, Periyar University authorities placed an agenda to undertake educational programmes in collaboration with a private company, which was opposed by professors.

No bookings in Bandipur cottages for NY Eve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

THE forest department has restricted tourists entry to the cottages inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district on December 31 and January 1. As a huge number of tourists visit the cottages at Bandipur to welcome the New Year with music and dance, foresters, to prevent disturbance to the wild animals, have banned tourists from booking the cottages run by the department for two days. However, there will be no restrictions for tourists enjoying the safari ride in the forest nor booking Jungle Resorts, private resorts, home stays or hotels around the tiger reserve, BTR director P Ramesh Kumar said. Meanwhile, due to continuous holidays for the past three days, hundreds of tourists had visited the tiger reserve. According to officials, the reserve has earned ₹22 lakh revenue from safari rides by 2,847 tourists in three days.

IISc finds way to battle persistence in TB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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RESEARCHERS at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), in collaboration with National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) and InStem, found an important mechanism that allows the tuberculosis (TB) bacterium to persist in the human host for decades. A single gene involved in the production of iron-sulphur clusters could be crucial for the persistence of TB and its better understanding can eradicate TB.

TB is caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb), which can be present in the human body for decades without any symptoms. "Mtb needs humans to survive. In many cases of Mtb infection, the immune system can detect the bug and clear it out," said Mayashree Das, first author of the above study and PhD student at the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB), IISc. However, in several asymptomatic individuals, Mtb hides within deep oxygen-limiting pockets of the lung becomes dormant and is metabolically inactive– saving itself from the immune system and TB drugs.

"Due to persistence, there is a bacterial reservoir in a subset of the human population at any point which can reactivate and cause infection. Unless we understand persistence, we will not be able to eradicate TB," explained Amit Singh, Associate Professor at MCB and corresponding author of the study.

The team grew Mtb in liquid cultures containing special supplements needed for its growth at the Center for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR), IISc. Several proteins in Mtb depend on iron-sulphur clusters for functioning. "The clusters containing proteins are important for essential processes such as energy production by respiration, enabling the bacteria to survive harsh conditions of the lungs and causing infection," said Singh.

However, there is another single gene called IscS that can also produce the clusters. To find a correlation among them the researchers generated a mutant version of Mtb that lacked the IscS gene. Under normal and oxygen-limiting conditions, iron-sulphur clusters are produced mainly by the action of the IscS gene.

However, when the bacterium faces a lot of oxidative stress, the iron atoms of the clusters become oxidised and released, damaging the clusters which leads to increased demand for producing more clusters.

Scientists infected mice models with the mutant version of Mtb lacking the IscS gene which led to severe disease but not chronic infection seen in TB patients. This is because, in the absence of the IscS gene, the SUF operon is highly activated leading to hypervirulence.

The team found that the IscS gene keeps the activation of the SUF operon in check, causing persistence.

Researchers suggested that combining antibiotics with drugs targeting IscS and SUF might be more effective. Singh is hopeful that a better understanding of the IscS and SUF systems in Mtb can eventually help eradicate the persistence of TB. The study was published in Science Advances.

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Parents put bodies of kids under salt to revive them

ENS @ Haveri

Victims Hemanth and Nagaraj

In a desperate attempt to save two kids, who had drowned in a water pit, villagers kept the bodies in a heap of salt, hoping to revive them. But after five hours of waiting, and intervention of the police, the parents decided to conduct final rites of the children. The incident was reported on December 24 at a village near Kaginele, Haveri district.

According to the police, the victims, Hemanth (12) and Nagaraj (11) had gone for a swim near a lake in the village and drowned.

Some villagers who found the clothes of the children on the banks started looking for them and fished out both the children.

A few villagers suggested to the parents that by keeping the bodies in salt, they could be revived. The suggestion was based on a fake viral video which is doing rounds on the internet. In the video, a boy rescued out of water has been kept under a heap of salt and the video shows the boy recovering.

"Believing the video, the villagers collected salt from many households and covered the bodies in salt. Despite trying to explain, the parents were adamant and hopeful that the boys would revive. We were finally able to convince them," explained the police.

Govt health centres to be developed using CSR funds

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@ Bengaluru

TEN government health centres in Raichur district will be upgraded with a grant of Rs 3 crore from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds received from private companies.

The centres include Gunjahalli, Gabburu, Udmagala, Masarkal, Gillasugur, Koppara, Balaganuru, Galaga, Ballatagi and Ramadurga. The Department of Health and Family Welfare signed a Letter of Intent with CSRBOX on Tuesday to enhance healthcare facilities.

Through the CSRBOX platform, around 200 government health centres across Karnataka will be developed at a cost of Rs 100 crore.

The department also appointed a deputy director as the state-level nodal officer to strengthen relationships with private companies and facilitate the improvement of infrastructure in health centres through the CSR fund.

Meanwhile, the Community Healthcare Clinic (Wellness on Wheels), a collaborative CSR project between Volvo Group, Narayana Health, and the Department of Health and Family Welfare has set a Rs 2 crore CSR Fund to provide free healthcare facilities to rural communities.

RECORD TIME

Couple loses son, RPO issues passport in 3 hrs

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IN a heartrending incident, the parents of a software engineer who passed away due to cardiac arrest in the US are flying out of Bengaluru early on Wednesday to perform their son's funeral rituals there. This was made possible as the Regional Passport Office reissued a passport in record time for the mother on Tuesday.

The septuagenarian couple, Rangaraju and Geetha, residents of Yelahanka, will leave from Kempegowda International Airport to Texas by a 3 am flight on Wednesday .

The parents' relative, RN Kishore, who facilitated the process, told TNIE, "My relatives received the news of the shocking death of their son, R Karthik, on Monday morning (December 25) from another relative in the US. Their 43-yr-old son, a software engineer, was on a vacation to Colorado with his wife and two young children when he collapsed suddenly and passed away."

The parents decided that the funeral rites could be performed in Texas and decided to book their flight tickets. Both of them already had valid visas, said Kishore, who is a manager in a private firm.

"When they checked their passports on Monday evening, Geetha's had validity up to March 2024. But a minimum six-month validity is necessary for them to visit the US. Rangaraju had the required passport validity," he explained.

One of Kishore's acquaintances knew Bengaluru Regional Passport Officer K Krishna and immediately contacted him. The woman was asked to come to the passport office on Tuesday morning.

"The couple reached the RPO head office at Koramangala by 10 am and submitted the documents. They walked out by 1 pm with a reissued passport. Their tickets were booked immediately and they are getting ready to leave," the relative said. The family is relieved as they had not imagined it would be done so quickly, he added.

"This crucial help mattered a lot for all of us. We are grateful to Krishna. If not for this assistance, they might have missed out the opportunity to see their son one last time," he said

The Regional Passport Officer said, "Our thoughts were to provide a caring, supportive and immediate solution to the bereaved mother. This is one of the quickest times we have taken to reissue a passport."

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ई–निविदा सूचना सं./e- Tender Notice No: SHAR/CMD/E/Y 2387225/2023-24 तिथि/ Date. 22.12.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, **''एसडीएससी शार के एसएमपीसी यूनिट-I और एसएमपी एवं ईटीएफ में गैस रोधी आरएमयू की एसआईटीसी''** (अनुमानित लागत: ₹63.14 लाख के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **09.01.2024** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** पर जा सकते हैं।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"SITC of Gas insulated RMU at SMPC Unit-I and SMP & ETF, SDSC SHAR."** (Estimated cost: ₹63.14 Lakhs. Tender documents can be downloaded up to **09.01.2024, 14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / **Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR**

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಶಿರಸಿ(ಉ.ಕ.)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕೃಉಮಾಸ/ಶಿ/ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/640/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–12–2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ಶಿರಸಿ ವತಿಯಿಂದ 2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಬಾರ್ಡ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಆರ್.ಐ.ಡಿ.ಎಫ್–29ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ Standard Tender Document KW-4 ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. APMC/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT174

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅವಧಿ	ಟೆಂಡರ ಮಾದರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವರ್ಗ
1	CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE ROAD AND RCC DRAIN AT MAIN MARKET YARD OF APMC Sirsi UNDER RIDF-29 SCHEME 2023-24.	208.21 + 18% GST	3,12,320.00	175 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ)	KW-4, P.W.D. ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ : 1) ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿ: 02–01–2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–01–2024 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10–01–2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 22–01–2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ ಶಿರಸಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃ. ಉ. ಮಾ. ಸ. ಶಿರಸಿ(ಉ.ಕ.)
ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕೃ. ಉ. ಮಾ. ಸ. ಶಿರಸಿ(ಉ.ಕ.)

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, AFZALPUR – 585 301

E-mail : apmcafzalpur@gmail.com, Office Ph : 08470-283050

No.AMD/APMC/AFZ/DEV/506/2023-24 Date: 22-12-2023

-: BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION:-

APMC., Afzalpur hereby invites Tender for the following Development work from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractors as per Karnataka Transparency Act 1999 & Rules 2000 through e-procurement portal. The contractors have to submit all tender documents, by uploading through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website in standard documents KW-4.

1) Last date for the Tender applications receive : **08-01-2024 upto 04:00 PM,** 2) Pre bid/ Clarification meeting: **06-01-2024 11:00 AM**, 3) Last date for the submission of filled in Tender applications: **08-01-2024 upto 04.00 PM**, 4) Date of opening of Technical bid : **10-01-2024 at 11.00 AM**, 5) Date of opening of Financial bid : **20-01-2024 at 11.00 AM**, 6) Place of opening of E-Tender bid : Office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Afzalpur.

1) Name of work : **Construction of C.C.Road, RCC drain & Toilet block at MMY of APMC Afzalpura,** 2) Amount put to Tender (in Rupees) : **1,25,94,937/-,** 3) EMD Amount (in Rupees) : 1,89,000/-, 4) Tender fee: As per E-portal, 5) Time limit Including monsoon period) : 175 days (Excluding Rainy Season)

Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Afzapur. during working days and hours or through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary, A.P.M.C, Afzalpur **Sd/- Administrator, A.P.M.C, Afzalpur**

DIPR/Kalaburagi/616/KSMC&A/2023-24

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Manjunath G R/ G Rajappa/ LBBNG00005289936	Property Bearing on All The Piece and Parcel in Shivamogga City, Ward No. 35, Kashipura Extension Current Municipal Katha No. 5595/5595 of Bearing This Site No.9, (Nine), Measuring 20*59 Feet,1180 Sq.ft. in This Area Built Total Field 600 Sq.ft. R.C.C House, House Made By Red Oxide Flooring, Wooden Windows and Doors. District Collector of Shivamoga City, Kasaba Hobli, Kashipura Village Survey No.75, Order No. Alnsr. 53: 2003-04, Date 25-11-2003 Alignment Property and Bounded on The: East By: Site No. 10 West By : Site No.8 North By : Road South By : Site No. 85/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/21/12/2023.	24.08.2022/ Rs. 25,03,126.00/-	Banga-lore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: December 27, 2023
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 069, Maharashtra.
Bommanahalli(Jayanagar) : Office No. 180,Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar,Bangalore-560011,(KA).
Kengeri : Site No 1107,2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Opposite to Dominos, Kengeri - 560060(Karnataka).
Yelahanka Branch : #293,2nd Floor, Smk Complex,Ist Main Road, Chikkabommasandra Circle, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064(Karnataka).

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.(AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Loan Code : **18800003264 Jayanagar Branch)** **Sathyanandham D** (Borrower)	**10-12-2023 ₹ 3,70,724.00**	Northern Portion Of Site No 39 Katha No 478 Sy No 27 Vijinapura Village K R Pura m , Bengaluru-560016 , Karnataka .
2.	(Loan Code : **18810000142 Jayanagar Branch)** **Ayisha A** (Borrower) **Shakeerali Ahamed** (Co Borrower)	**10-12-2023 ₹ 15,54,264.00**	Flat No. G - 12 Ground Floor Slv Defence Gellari Dwarakanagar Village Bbmp Bengaluru Urban Na -560064.
3.	(Loan Code : **22900001019 Kengeri Branch)** **Kantharaju C** (Borrower) **Kavya R** (Co Borrower)	**10-12-2023 ₹ 8,50,937.00**	36 5 Verified Asin Saleagreeme Aashirvad Brindhavan Site No 120 Sy No 36 New Sy No 36 5 Rdpr No 15020030070042004 Ketohalli Village Tavarekere,Bengaluru-562130, Karnataka.
4.	(Loan Code : **21500000985 Yelahanka Branch)** **Venkatesha R** (Borrower) **Jyothi V** (Co Borrower)	**10-12-2023 ₹ 9,98,766.00**	33 Northern Portion Of Site No 115 Assessme nt No 33 Atturu Village Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore Nort , Bengaluru-560064, Karnataka .
5.	(Loan Code : **21394001431 Bommanahalli(Jayanagar) Branch)** **Late. Norwin Meharan Rego** (Borrower) **(Represented Through Legal Heir)** **Renisha Gloria Cardoza** (Co Borrower)	**10-12-2023 ₹ 9,76,271.00**	Site No 130 131 Hosapete Village Gatew ay Meadows Jangamkote Hobli Shiddlaghatt a Taluk , Bengaluru-562101 , Karnataka .

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Bommanahalli (Jayanagar), Kengeri and Yelahanka **Authorised Officer**
Date : 27.12.2023 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER CANAL CIRCLE, BURLA.

e-Procurement notice no.-CCB-05/2023-24
Bid Identification No.- CCB-05/2023-24

A-1084

1	Type of the work	:	VRB work
2	No of works	:	1(One) nos.
3	Class of contractor	:	"B" & "A" class
4	Bid identification No	:	CCB-05/2023-24
5	Estimated cost	:	Rs.212.94 Lakhs (Approx)
6	Period of completion	:	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months including rainy season
7	Date and time of availability of bid documents in the portal	:	Dt.01.01.2024 at 10.00 AM to Dt.16.01.2024 up to 5.30 PM.
8	Last date/ time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	Dt.16.01.2024 up to 5.30 PM.
9	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	:	Dt.17.01.2024 at 11.30AM, O/o Additional Chief Engineer, Canal Circle, Burla
10	Date of opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II)	:	To be intimated later
11	Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Canal Circle, Burla-768017, Email Id: addlceccburla@gmail.com

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation/ erratum of tender can also be seen in the said Website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website http://tenderodisha.gov.in.

Sd/- ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, CANAL CIRCLE, BURLA

OIPR- 32460/11/0009/2324

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA

City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore–560 009.
THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
APPENDIX-IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 06-10-2023 calling upon the borrower **Smt.Thriveni.P W/o Honnaiah.N** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.12,11,851/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty one Only) further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **26th day of December of the year 2023**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount Rs.12,11,851/- and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:

Borrower Name : Smt. Thriveni.P
Surety Name : Smt. Manjula.P
Loan Amount : Rs.12,11,851/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.

Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE -A : All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing BBMP Municipal No.16, PID No.40-66-16, (Old No.8), situated at 2nd cross, Anjanappa Layout, Deevatigere Ramanahalli, Bengaluru-560040, BBMP Ward No.40- (Attiguppe Ward) (Old Site Nos.32 and 33, carved out of new Sy.No.51/2 (Old Sy.No.14), Situated at Deevatige Ramanahalli Village, Kengerei Hobi, Bengaluru South Taluk), measuring East to West 36 feet 1 ½ inches + 41 feet 9 inches/2 and North to South: 64 feet 6 inches and 59 feet 1 inch/2, totally measuring 2406 Sq.feet, along with structures standing thereon and bounded on the : - East by: Road, West by: Properties of Smt.Jayamma and Rangappa, North by: Azeemabi's and Anandappa's Property, South by: 30 feet wide road.

SCHEDULE –B: (conveyed in favour of the Loan applicant) All that piece and parcel of a portion of the schedule 'A' property, situated on middle-eastern side of the schedule 'A' property bearing BBMP municipal No.16 (old No.8), PID No.40-66-16, (Now New Municipal No.16/2, PID No.40-66-16/2), situated at 2nd cross, Anjanappa Layout, Deevatigere Ramanahalli, Bengaluru-560040, BBMP ward No.40 (old), new BBMP ward No.132 (Attiguppe Ward), measuring east to west 17.25 feet + 19.08 feet/2 and north to south 24.50 feet + 25.50 feet /2, plus 7.5 feet x 4 feet, totally measuring 484 sq.feet, with electricity connection bearing No.N2LG25447 and bounded on the :- East by: Road, West by: Common passage and thereafter the property sold to Smt.Bhagyalakshmi.P and Mahalakshmi.P, North by: Portion of the Schedule 'A' property sold to Chandra.V and thereafter property of Azeemabi's & Anandappa, South by : Middle-Eastern side of the schedule 'A' property sold to Smt.Manjula.P.

Date : 26.12.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. **Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

JANGAMA REDDY BUILDING, ANEKAL ROAD, HANDAPUR CIRCLE, BANGALORE
Phone: 080-27835038, 27832122
Email: cb1065@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Section 13(4)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 16/09/2023 calling upon the borrower **1) M/s. Sree Ganesh Builders and Developers 2) Mrs. Sangana Santha Kumari 3) Mr. Sangana Yerra Reddy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 2,41,95,375.60** (Rupees Two Crore Forty One Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Five and Sixty Paisa Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **22th day of December of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 2,52,38,158.62** (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Two Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and Sixty Two Paisa Only), The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: Item No.(1) : All that piece and parcel of Converted Residential 6 sites bearing No.55,56,57,59,64 & 94, carved out of 2 Acres 28 Guntas in Sy No.82/1 and 32 Guntas in Sy No.82/2 and totally measuring to an extent of 3 Acres and 20 Guntas, Lakshmisagar Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, duly converted from Agricultural Purposes to Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes by Special Deputy Commissioner Vide Official Memorandum No.ALN (A)(A) SR:278/2011-12,277/2011-12, both dated: 02-04-2012 which is a part of 6 Acres 2½ Guntas (including converted land measuring 16.5 Guntas in Sy No: 100 and 2 Acres 6 Guntas in Sy No: 75/1) Layout approved by the BMRDA/APA Vide bearing No.APA/LAO/09/2012-13 dated 01.04.2013, and the Layout called and known as "LAKE VIEW GOLDEN NEST PHASE-II". Boundaries of the property: Boundaries of the property [No.55] North Site No. 56 2 nd Phase South: Road East: Site No.59 1st Phase West Road. Boundaries of the property [No. 56], North: Road South Site No. 55 2nd Phase, East: Site No.60 1st Phase, West: Road, Boundaries of the property [No.57] North: Site No. 58&59 2 nd Phase, South: Road, East Site No.69 1st Phase,West: Road, Boundaries of the property (No.59], North: Road, South: Site No.57 2nd Phase, East: Private Property 1 st Phase, West: Site No. 58, Boundaries of the property [No.64], North: Road, South: Site No.63 2nd Phase, East: Pathway, West: Road, Boundaries of the property [No.94], North Site No.93 2nd Phase, South: Road, East: Road, West Pathway. Symbolic possession taken on 11.12.2023 stands withdrawn.

Date : 22.12.2023 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Arasikere - 573103

E-Mail:apmcarasikere1@gmail.com Ph. 08174- 232203
No.APMC/ARASIKERE/1589 /2023-24 DATE:-21-12-2023

Short Term Tender Notification

Construction of Cement Concrete Road, RCC Drains and 22 number of shops at Gandasi Sub Market Yard of Arasikere APMC under NABARD RIDF-29 for the year 2023-24 Work Indent No.APMC/2023-24/OW/ Work_Indent143project cost Rs. 252.17 lakhs, EMD Rs.3.78 lakhs, receipt of tender Dt: 08/01/2024 at 5.00 pm. Opening of Tender(Technical Bid) Dt. 10/01/2024 at 4.00 PM. The further details obtained from web site https:// kppp. karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-Secretary, Apmc, Arasikere, Sd/-Administrator, Apmc, Arasikere,

ವಾವಾಸಂಇ/ಹಾಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/587/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/591/2023–24

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APPENDIX-IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 06-10-2023 calling upon the borrower **Sri.Gopala.P S/o Puttaramaiah** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.31,36,315/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifteen Only) further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **26th day of December of the year 2023**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount Rs.31,36,315/- and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:

Borrower Name : Sri.Gopala.P
Surety Name : Smt. Radha.V.D
Loan Amount : Rs.31,36,315/-

Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE - A: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.23, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009, measuring 65,324 Sq.feet and bounded on the : -

East By : Uco Bank Building, West By : Santhosh Theater Complex, North By : K.G.Road, South By : Krishnamma Naik Street.

Together with undivided share, interest, right and title in the above Schedule-A Property in the proportion of 1178/3, 15, 371, approximately coming to 244 Sq.feet. in an undivided share in respect of the Schedule-B property.

SCHEDULE - B: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing No.426, PID No.27-23-23/429, 3rd Floor, Alankar Pearl Plaza, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009, constructed in the Schedule 'A' property and measuring a carpet area of 464 Square feet, together with proportionate undivided share, interest, right and title over the Schedule 'A' property with rights over the common passages, open and common areas and bounded on the: -

East By : Open Passage, West By : Shop No.441 in Alankar Peral Plaza, North By : Passage followed by Shop No.427 and 428, South By : Open Terrace.

The building is with the reinforcement cement roof constructed in the year1987, with mosaic flooring and jungle wood doors and windows, with a provision of water and sanitary connection and BESCOM power connection with separate meter.

Date : 26.12.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. **Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita**

RELIGARE FINVEST LTD

RELIGARE Values that bind

CIN:U74999DL1995PLC064132

Regd. Office : 1407, 14th Floor, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019
Corporate office : 7th Floor, Max House, Block A, Dr.Jha Marg, Okhla Phase III, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi - 110 020
BRANCH OFFICE: No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- 560038

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6) & proviso to Rule 9(1)]

AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisos to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Religare Finvest Limited, Secured Creditor, **will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.01.2024 for recovery of ₹ 1,04,50,718.54** (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and Paisa Fifty Four Only) **as on 12.12.2023** along with up to date, interest, costs and charges due to the RFL from the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) namely **1.Mr.B.Nagesh, 2) Mrs.Shamala Bai, 3)Mrs.G Annapurna, 4)Mrs.S.Jayalakshmi and 5)Mr.Sundar Rao.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All the piece and parcel of the **Industrial land being Flat bearing No. 002 in the Ground Floor, having super built-up area 1460 of Sq Ft, Constructed on the property bearing No.59, Old No.28/1,PID No.66-187-59,Situated at 8th Cross Road, Venkatapura Village, Gramatana, Jakkasandra Dakale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Ward No.173(66) of BBMP Bangalore, Karnataka-560034, Presently Comes under the jurisdiction of Bounded By; East by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, West by: Road, North by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, South by : House of Gopalappa, Krishnappa, Anjinappa and Others.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ **94,53,500/-** **EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)** ₹ **9,45,350/-**

2. All the piece and parcel of the **Industrial land being Flat bearing No.403 in the Fourth Floor having super built-up area 1070 Sq Ft Constructed on the property bearing No.59, Old No.28/1,PID No.66-187-59,Situated at 8th Cross Road, Venkatapura Village, Gramatana, Jakkasandra Dakale, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Ward No.173(66) of BBMP Bangalore, Karnataka-560034, Presently Comes under the jurisdiction of Bounded By; East by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, West by: Road, North by: Property of Smt.Saraswathi Bai, South by : House of Gopalappa, Krishnappa, Anjinappa and Others

RESERVE PRICE ₹ **69,28,250/-** **EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)** ₹ **6,92,825/-**

Date, Time and Place of Auction: 31.01.2024
From 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
at Religare Finvest Limited, No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- 560038

Known Encumbrances

RFL is not aware of any encumbrances on the secured asset to be sold. Interested parties should make their own assessment of the secured asset to their satisfaction. Secured Creditor (RFL) does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid secured asset.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on Secured Creditor's website i.e., **www.religarefinvest.com**

For any other information, please contact Mr.R.Sannakala Mobile No. 95356 92006 or contact him at his e-mail id: sannakala.r@religare.com and Mr.S.Ansar on his Mobile no. 80734 05056 or contact him at his e-mail id: ansar.s@religare.com.

Date : 22.12.2023 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **M/s.Religare Finvest Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	**1) Mr. Jaffar Shariff,** Prop. **M/s. Manjunath Enterprises, Also at: M/s. Manjunath Enterprises, 2) Mrs. Shabhana Banu**	**Loan Account No. 48009440000088 Loan Amount: Rs.5,99,421/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 180, in Old No.72/1, situated at B Narayanapura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now under the limits of Bhruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.56, Bangalore. **Measuring:** East to West: 20 Feet, North to South: 45 Feet. And **Bounded on the: East by:** Kadiravelu's Site, **West by:** Kondaiah's Site, **North by:** Survey No.74 & **South by:** 20 Feet Road. Together with 2 (Two) Square A.C.C Sheet roofing house thereon, mud wall, red oxide flooring, jungle wood doors and windows having all civic amenities.	**Date of NPA: 02-12-2023 Demand Notice Date: 23-12-2023**	**Rs.3,50,469.4** (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine and Four Paisa Only) **due as on 21-12-2023**
2	**1) Mrs. Lakshmi R,** Prop. **M/s. R L Stores, Also at: M/s. R L Stores, 2) Mr. Sharath Kumar R, 3) Mr. Karthik R**	**Loan Account No. 45359440000227 45359410000362 Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/- Rs.55,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of Schedule 'A' property bearing House No.95, PID No.82-22-95, situated at Murphy Town, Halasuru, Bengaluru City and **Bounded on: East by:** House properties bearing Nos.105 & 796, **West by:** House property No.94, **North by:** 3rd Square Road & **South by:** Remaining portion of Schedule 'A' property already purchased by Mr. M Madivanan. Measuring East to West 13 Feet and North to South 22 ½ Feet total measuring 292.50 Sq.feet.	**Date of NPA: 01-11-2023 Demand Notice Date: 23-12-2023**	**Rs.10,86,136.46** (Rupees Ten Lakh Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Six and Forty Six Paisa Only) **due as on 21-12-2023**
3	**1) Mr. Muniraju S,** Prop. of **M/s. Cattle Farm, Also at: M/s. Cattle Farm, 2) Mrs. Shilpa V**	**Loan Account No. 32909440000124 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House No.18, Katha No.20, situated at 1st Cross, behind Maramma Temple, Rajeev Nagara, Krishnaraja Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently comes under the BBMP Limits, Bangalore. **Bounded: East by:** Road, **West by:** House of Sri Singaramaiah, **North by:** House of Sri Venkataramappa & **South by:** House of Sri Alla Bakash. Measuring East to West 15 feet, and North to South 14 Feet, in all measuring 252 Sq.feet.	**Date of NPA: 02-12-2023 Demand Notice Date: 22-12-2023**	**Rs.4,60,012.04** (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Thousand Twelve and Four Paisa Only) **due as on 18-12-23**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 27.12.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have negotiated with the owner **Mrs. Kauser Sayeed,** Wife of Mr. Syed Munawar, Major, residing at No. 34, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004 along with Masrur Ali Khan & Salman Ali khan (Confirming parties) residing at No 9 Oomer sheriff Road for the purchase of portion of the Immovable Property nor bearing Corporation No. 9, situated in Dr. Oomer Shariff Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, PID No. 50-74-9, bounded on the **East by:** Property bearing No. 9/1 (earlier portion of No.9), purchased by M/s. Gilani Enterprises now belonging to Mohammed Habibulla, **West by:** Portion of the same Property belonging to LR's of Late Amtulla Begum, **North by:** Dr. Oomer Shariff Road and **South by:** Property bearing No. 31, Ranoji Rao Road, belonging to Hyder Ali Khan, measuring on the East 23.77 Mtrs., or 78 feet, West 23.77 Mtrs., or 78 feet, North 9.146 Mtrs., or 30 feet and South 9.146 Mtrs., or 30 feet, totally measuring 2340 Sq. ft.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title or interest by way of sale, exchange, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/settlement, encumbrances, maintenance, dower, bequest, easement, possession, development rights, agreement rights, testate succession, order/decree/judgement of any Court, agreement or otherwise however, claims or intending to oppose purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my clients will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

Sd/-Mohammed Tauseef (Advocate)
NO. 49/B, Umar Bogh layout Ist main Road, Kanakapura main Road, Bangalore- 560078
Mobile No. 9148642150

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client K.S. Sheela Wife of Keshav Iyer Is absolute owner of a Site Bearing No. 47, Khanesumari House List Premises No. 47, V.P. Katha No.1/1-2 purchased through the sale deed dated 29.06.1995 situated at Vaderahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District measuring 60' x 40' at Anekal Sub Registrar office vide document No. 1623/97-98 P155/95-96 dated 29.06.1995 bounded on East : property bearing Site No. 48, West : property bearing Site No. 46, North : property bearing No. 55 and South : Road and the original sale deed Is either misplaced or lost and now my client intends to sell the property to a prospective purchaser, if any one has any claim or title over the above mentioned schedule property may lodge their claim with necessary documents within ten days from the date of publication of this public notice to the below mentioned address.

Sd/- **S. Jayarama Bhatt,** Advocate
9/1, 506, Commerce House,
Cunningham Road,
Bengaluru - 560052.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client K.S. Seetha Wife of Vishweshwara is absolute owner of a Site bearing No. 48, Khanesumari House List Premises No. 48, V.P. Katha No. 1/1-2 purchased through the sale deed dated 29.06.1995 situated at Vaderahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District measuring 60' x 40' at Anekal Sub Registrar office vide document No.1624/97-98 P156/95-96 dated 29.06.1995 bounded on East : property bearing Site No. 49, West : property bearing Site No. 47, North : property bearing No. 54 and South : Road and the original sale deed Is either misplaced or lost and now my client intends to sell the property to a prospective purchaser, if any one has any claim or title over the above mentioned schedule property may lodge their claim with necessary documents within ten days from the date of publication of this public notice to the below mentioned address.

Sd/- **S. Jayarama Bhatt,** Advocate
9/1, 506, Commerce House,
Cunningham Road,
Bengaluru - 560052.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that my client **Sri. R. Sagar,** son of Sri.C.Ravi, is the absolute owner of Schedule Property, and he has acquired the Schedule Property from Smt.Shobha daughter of Sri. Sardar, in terms of an absolute sale deed dated 04.09.2023, registered as Doc.No.KEN-104356/2023-24 of Book-1, at the office of Sub-registrar, Jayanagar (Kengeri), Bangalore. He states that he has lost or misplaced the originals of previous sale deeds dated 02.07.2015, registered as Doc.No.RRN-1-01668/2015-16 of Book-1, Stored in CD No.RRND158, at the office of Sub-registrar, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore AND sale deed dated 07.03.2018, registered as Doc.No.KEN-1-09980/2017-18 of Book-1, Stored in CD No.KEND688, at the office of Sub-registrar, Jayanagar (Kengeri), Bangalore. Hence, he declares that the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, liened or encumbered in whole or part thereof in any manner either by him or his predecessor-in-title. Further, the public is hereby notified that if anyone finds the originals of the aforesaid sale deeds, he/she/they is/are requested to deliver the same to the undersigned. And if, person/s having any right, title, interest, and claim/s over the Schedule Property can approach the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **fifteen (15)** days from the date of this publication and objections and / or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client can consider as if there is/are no objection/s / no claimant/s on the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF Corner Site Bearing No.113, E-swathu bearing PID No.150200301700221421, measuring East to West:12.19 meters and North to South:18.28 meters, in the layout known as, 'A.S.B NANDI RESIDENCY', formed at residential converted land bearing Sy.Nos.7, 11 and 14, admeasuring 10 acres 10 guntas, (converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(S.T-2)SR.15/2012-13, dated 20.06.2012, AND No. BDIS/ALN(S)SR(KT):157/2004-05, dated 18.01.2005), and approved vide MPA/LAO/12/2013-14, dated 17.06.2014, by Magadi Planning Authority, situated at Kurubarahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, presently coming within the revenue jurisdiction of Channenahalli Village Panchayat, and bounded as follows:
East by: Site No.86, **West by :** Road,
North by : Site No.112 **South by :** Road

Sd/-
JYOTHI HP & CO.
Advocates and Legal Consultants
99/A, 1st Floor, 'Sri Rama Arcade',
6th Cross, 16th Main Road,
Industries & Commerce Layout,
Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040.
Mobile Nos.9880853751 & 9900884512.

Date: 27.12.2023
Place: Bengaluru

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI

Branch: Jnanajyothi Nagar
No. 32 & 33, Gurukrupa, Muneshwaranagar,
Ullal Main Road, Bengaluru-560056
jnanajyothi.bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

E-Auction Withdrawn

All are hereby informed that the E-Auction Notice published in this Newspaper dated **15.12.2023.** In the Account of **Mr Shaik Naveed and Guarantor.**
1. Mr. Shaik Muzaffar, 2. Mr. Kartik Yadav. date of Auction is hereby Cancelled.

Date : 26.12.2023 Sd/- Authorised officer
Place: Bangalore Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. GOVINDAPPA .S.P.** S/o Late Puppaiah, residing at Hannakoodu Village, Doodamolatha, Somwarapete Taluk, Kodagu, Karnataka 571236 is intending to purchase all that piece and parcel of the immovable property morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property, from Smt. NEETA M.BATHIJA W/o. Sri. G. Mohanlal, residing at No.366, Durga Niwas, 14th Cross, Sadashiva Nagara, Bengaluru-560080.

Any interested person(s) having any objections to the said sale transaction of the Schedule Property or any person(s) having any claims over the Schedule Property of what so ever nature is hereby called upon to address their objections to my address, within **15 days** from the date of issuance of this public notice, failing which my client will proceed with purchasing the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of vacant Residential Site No. 3, bearing E-Khata No.150200203101102503, Khata No.1546/51/2/3, measuring East to West 9.14 Meters North to South 15 Meters, and totally measuring 137.1 Square Meters (1475.73 Square Feet), in a residential Layout known as "COFFEE BOARD LAYOUT CHIKKAJALA PHASE 1" formed in converted Survey Nos. 50/4, 50/5, 51/2, 51/3, 51/4, 51/5, 51/6, 51/7, 53/1, 53/2, 55(P), 49/3 and 49/4, in all totally measuring 09 Acres 20 guntas of Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, approved by BIAPPA vide L.P.NO.BIAAPA/TP/LAO/351/2008-09, dated 01/07/2009, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances there to whatsoever above or beneath the surface and bounded: On the **East by :** Site No. 4, On the **West by:** Site No. 2, On the **North by:** Site No. 18, **On the South by:** 12 meter wide Road.

SUBASH .M, Advocate
No.27, Indo Legal Inc, 9th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027.
Mobile: 9590856999,
Email: subashm0094@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the General Public that our client, **SRI. PANDI KUMAR .N**, Son of Sri.Neelamegam, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No.3-8-5A1, Mettupatti street, Thambipatti, Tirupathur, Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu-630211, has entered into an AGREEMENTFOR SALE dated 19-12-2023, in respect of the Schedule Property with SRI. BIMAL .B THAYYIL @ BIMALBALACHANDRAN THAYYIL, Son of Sri T.K. Balachandran, Aged about 48 years, Residing at No.F7, Kumbha Lakeshore Apartments-3, Lakeview Residency, Kodichikkanahalli, Bengaluru-560076.

Any person/s, firms, institutions, brokers, agents, or any other body having or claim in any manner or right, title, claim, lien or interest in the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 15 days** from the date of this notification, failing which, our client will be advised to proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece all parcel of the Residential Property bearing vacant **Site No.327**, formed in the Layout known and called as **'MICO LAYOUT'** formed by **THE BANGALORE MICO SHRAMAJEEVI KARMIKARA GRUHA NIRMANA SAHAKARA SANGHANIYAMITHA, BANGALORE-560030.** which is formed in Survey No.189 of **BEGUR VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK, BANGALORE**, presently coming under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, it has issued BBMP Khatha No.112/97/327, measuring East to West:-40 feet and North to South:-60 feet and totally 2400 square feet and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.328, **West by :** Site No.307, **North by:** Site No.348, **South by:** Road.

C L & ASSOCIATES
N. GANESH, E. SURESH,
HANUMANTHA REDDY .Y, Advocates
No.78, Ground Floor, cross, 11th Main, Behind 'BDA Shopping Complex' 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
E-mail:ganigamini@yahoo.co.in,
E-mail: ganigamini123@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public at large that my clients 1) Sri. Muni Anjanappa S/o Munigangappa, aged about 75 years, 2) Smt. Parvathamma W/o Muni Anjanappa, aged about 68 years, 3) Sri. Nagaraju S/o Muni Anjanappa, aged about 37 years, 4) Sri. Manjunatha S/o Muni Anjanappa, aged about 35 years, 5) Smt. Akkayyamma @ Anu, D/o Muni Anjanappa, aged about 33 years and 6) Smt. Lakshmamma D/o Muni Anjanappa, all are residents of Konaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the landed property bearing Sy.No. 122/P13, measuring to an extent of 1-15 [One Acre Fifteen Guntas], situated at Konaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

It is stated that in exercise of their absolute right, title, interest and possession in respect of the aforementioned property that my clients have executed and registered a Registered G.P.A. in favour of Sri. H.M. Manjunatha, S/o Munibasappa, aged about 40 years, R/o Hosa Hudya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. That the above mentioned G.P.A. was registered in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Doddaballapura vide Book No.4, Document No.DBP-4-00518/2018-19, Dated: 16-03-2019, stored in C.D.No.DBPD 508. That since the above mentioned Sri. H.M. Manjunatha, the Holder of the registered G.P.A. is acting detrimental to the interests of my clients in respect of the aforementioned property. Hence, my clients have cancelled /recalled/ revoked the Registered G.P.A., Dated: 16-03-2019 by issuing the legal notice Dated: 20-11-2023, to the Holder of G.P.A. i.e. Sri. H.M. Manjunatha S/o Munibasappa.

Therefore, the General Public is hereby notified by my clients that, no person should transact with Sri. H.M. Manjunatha S/o Munibasappa, the holder of the Registered G.P.A. in view of the fact that my clients have already cancelled/recalled/revoked the registered G.P.A. Dated: 16-03-2019 executed in respect of the below mentioned schedule property. That despite this public notice, if anybody transacts with Sri.H.M.Manjunatha S/o Muni Basappa in respect of the below mentioned schedule property, then it is deemed that they are so transacting on their own responsibilities and that my clients are in no way responsible for such transactions, nor my clients are not bound by the said transactions.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the landed property bearing Sy.No.122/P13, measuring to an extent of 1-15 [One Acre Fifteen Guntas], situated at Konaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: **East by:** Property of Muni Anjanappa, **West by:** Government Road, **North by:** Property of Chikka Anjanappa and **South by:** Government Road.

Sri. Anjane Gowda, Advcoate,
No.1, I Floor, Govt. Employees Association Building, Next to P.L.D.Bank,
Doddaballapura Town-561 203,
Mobile No: 9448160265.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My client **Mrs. MANI MEGALA**, D/o Late Armugam and Late Ayamma, Residing at No. 57, 2nd Cross, Krishnanada Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore 560096, and Property Address: 57, 2nd Cross, Krishnanada Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore 560096, hereby informs that, the BDA ORIGINAL TRANSFER SALE DEED, POSSESSION CERTIFICATE AND ALLOTMENT LETTER dated 03-12-2008, bearing Doc No. BDA-1-02922-2008-09, CD No. BDAD146 in the office of Bangalore City, Bangalore., which have been lost/misplaced lost near Xerox Shop My client has also lodged a police complaint No. 0843658/2023 dated 11/12/2023., Nandini Layout, Police Station Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing **within 7 days** from this day to the undersigned.

Manjunath R Kesari, Advocate.
No. 604, Near Swimming Pool, 2nd Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout. Bangalore 560086.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Sri. Krishna Murthy .P,** S/o. Sri. Paramashivam C, residing at No.87, 1st Cross, PWD Road, 100 Feet Road, Veerabhadra Nagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085. My client is the absolute owner of Property bearing Vacant Site No.66, Kengeri Town Municipality Katha No. B/B 3729, formed out of converted Sy.No.212, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Sub Division, Bangalore now BBMP Property No.66, BBMP Katha No.212/113/66, situated at Arunachalam Layout, Bandemata Road, Kengeri, Bangalore, which is duly converted from Agricultural purposes vide Conversion Order Official Memorandum No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)275/92-93, Dated 09.03.1993 by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and measuring East-West: 100-00 feet and North-South: 50-00 feet in all measuring 5000 Sq. feet My client has lost Release deed dated 29.06.2011, Executed by Smt. Shanthamma .S in favour of Sri. Harshith U, Registered as Document No.KEN-1-01508/2011-12, of Book-1, stored in CD No.KEND440, registered in the office of Sub registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, My client has lost the above mentioned documents while shifting the House and the same is not traceable even after his best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost report No.0860947/2023, dated 23-12-2023, If any person/s, Bank/Society/Firm or anybody having any right, title, interest or claims over the below mentioned property, may lodge his/her/their objections/claims if any in writing failing which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession please handover the same to the below said address **within 7 days**.

CHANDRIKA .P SHETTY, Advocate
No.119, First Floor, Opp. Tata Silk Farm Bus Stop, K.R. Road, Bangalore-04.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr.SAMIULLA KHAN S/o Late K.G. Razack Khan,Residing at No.1, 1st Cross, Church Road Rajappa Block, J.C.Nagar, Bengaluru-560006, has intended and agreed to Purchase the Schedule Property from Mr.ABDUL JABBAR SHARIFF, Son of late Patel Ahmed Hussain, If any person's having claim/s Objection's to the same, shall furnish in writing to the undersigned with proof within a week from the date of publication of this notice. In the event of objections not received within a week, it shall be deemed that there is no objection to the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal No.7/1- 2, situated at 4th Main Road, Mattadahalli, Bangalore (Old site No.48, Assessment No.12/1, Mattadahalli, Bangalore), within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Old ward No. 97,New ward No.46, PID No.97-35-7/1-2.

Measuring
East to West 16 Feet
North to South : 15.5 Feet
In all measuring : 248 Square feet

Bounded on the
East by : Property belongs to Samiulla Khan and others
West by : Property belongs to Samiulla Khan and others
North by : Property of Mohammed Khaleelulla
South by : Private Property.

Sd/-
M. H. PATEL, Advocate
No.C-4/1(Unit No.11)
Masjid-E-Aalla Complex,
2nd Main Road, 1st Block, R.T.Nagar,
Bangalore-32.
Ph: 080-23434433,Cell 9845436010.
Bengaluru
Date: 27.12.2023

IV ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಮೈಸೂರು

ಪಿ & ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 96/2023

ವಾದಿಗಳು : 1. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಜ್ರೇಶ್ವರಿ ಸುಮಾರು 50 ವರ್ಷ ಕೋಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಧುಕರ್ ಎಸ್.ಆರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಜೆ.ಎಸ್ # 1447, 17ನೇ "ಸಿ" ಮೇನ್, ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಆರ್ ಲೇಔಟ್, 5ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಾರ್ಥ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560043

2. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶ್ರೀಮಾತಾ ಜೆ.ಎಸ್ ಸುಮಾರು 51 ವರ್ಷ ಕೋಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಮೋಹನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಜೆ.ಎಸ್

3. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿ.ಸಿ ಯಶೋಧ ಸುಮಾರು 74 ವರ್ಷ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಜೆ.ಎಸ್ # ನಂ.586, "ತೇಜಸ್ವಿ" 7ನೇ ಮೇನ್, 5ನೇಕ್ರಾಸ್, 3ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಕಲ್ಯಾಣನಗರ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಾರ್ಥ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560043

ವಿರುದ್ಧ

ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ: ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಪತ್ರಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರುಗಳು ಅವರ ತಂದೆಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ. ಜೆ.ಟಿ ನಂಜುಂಡಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಜೆ.ಎಸ್ ರವರ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಒಎಸ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 820/2006(ಎಫ್.ಡಿ.ಪಿ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ03/2016) ಮೂಲಕ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಚರ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಘನ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾರಸು ಪತ್ರ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ದಾಖಲು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಸದರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 5/2/2024ಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಚರ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಹಕ್ಕು ಬಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ತಕರಾರುಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಘನ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ವಕೀಲರ ಮೂಲಕ ತಕರಾರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣವನ್ನು ಲಭ್ಯ ಸಾಕ್ಷಗಳ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರುಗಳಿಗೆ ವಾರಸು ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರಿರುವಂತೆ ಏಕಪಕ್ಷೀಯವಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ
ಮುಖ್ಯ ಲಿಪಿಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಮೈಸೂರು

ವಾದಿ ಪರ ವಕೀಲರು
ಎಸ್.ಕುಮಾರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ,
ದಿನೇಶ್ ರಾವ್ ಬಿ.ಆರ್
ನಂ.729/1, ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಕೆ.ಆರ್ ಮೊಹಲ್ಲಾ, ಮೈಸೂರು–24.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **MRS. VENKATESWARAN BHANUMATHI @ BHANU VENKATESHVARAN** (Aadhar No.7347 5408 6634), aged about 72 years, D/o Sri. Venkatakrishna, W/o Sri. N. S. Venkateswaran @ N. S. Venkateshvaran, residing at South 1-A19, Prashanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi, Ananthapura District, Andhra Pradesh-515134.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within **7 days** from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house built on Property bearing New Municipal No.7CM-428 at HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Bangalore having PID No.88-250-7CM-428 in Ward No.27-Banaswadi (earlier Site No.7CM-428, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Situated at Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road, 1st Block, extension, Bangalore), measuring East to West 12.20 Meters and North to South 9.15 Meters, totally measuring 111.63 Sq.Mtrs., and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.8M-427, **West by:** 7th 'C' Main Road, **North by:** Site No.7CM-430, **South by:** Site No.7CM-426.

Consisting of RCC roofed residential house measuring 632 Sq.ft., on the Ground Floor and 632 Sq.ft., on the First Floor having marble flooring with all civic amenities.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates,**
Advocates,
No.30, 1st Floor, Above Medplus,
Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross,
3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084,
Ph. 9844011141,
E-mail: krblawassociates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the General Public that our clients, **1. MR. PRASHANTH KUMAR .J,** Son of Mr. James .Y, Aged about 40 years, **2. MRS. AGNES SOWMYA,** Wife of Mr. Prashanth Kumar.J, **3.MR. JAMES .Y,** Son of Mr. Yakob, Aged about 61 years, **4. MRS. JAYAMMA,** Wife of Mr.James.Y, all are residing at Flat No.203, Goutham Manor Apartment, Old Mangammanapalya, Bommanahalli, BENGALURU-560068, has entered into an AGREEMENT FOR SALE dated 16/12/2023, in respect of the Schedule Property

Any person/s, firms, institutions, brokers, agents, or any other body having or claim in any manner or right, title, claim, lien or interest in the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 15 days** from the date of this notification, failing which, our client will be advised to proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential vacant site bearing No.1, (Intermediate), formed in the Layout known and called as 'ITI Layout" formed by ITI Employees Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., Bangalore, which is carved out of erstwhile Survey Nos.16/5B,16/6, 16/7, 16/8, 16/12, 16/13, 16/17, 16/19, 17/1, 17/2, 17/3A, 17/3C, 17/7, 18/3, 18/6B, 20/10, 20/7, 20/9, 18/7A, 18/5, 17/11, 18/9, 18/10 and 18/2 of **YELLUKUNTE VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK, BANGALORE DISTRICT** presently coming under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, measuring East to West-30 feet North to South-50+52/2, feet, totally area being 170 Square yards or 1530 Square feet, bounded on: **East by:** Site No.1A, **West by :** Site No.2, **North by:** Site No.1E, **South by:** Road

C L & ASSOCIATES
N. GANESH, E. SURESH,
HANUMANTHA REDDY .Y, Advocates
No.78, Ground Floor, cross, 11th Main, Behind 'BDA Shopping Complex' 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
E-mail:ganigamini@yahoo.co.in,
E-mail: ganigamini123@gmail.com.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/23-24/3481 Date: 19.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against **Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/Security/EPR-412-423 Dtd: 18.12.2023** for providing Security Services for watch and ward duties to various 220/66/11kV Receiving station and 400/220kV stations in the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the KPP Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e procurement KPTCL"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 16:00 Hrs 01.01.2024.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec),
Transmission (Maint.), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL,
Opp.R.R.Nagar Metro Station, Pantharapalya,
Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 039. Ph: 080-29620155

NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICES, HUBLI

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 14/2023-24 DATE : 23-12-2023

Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal

Tenders, both Pre-qualification & Commercial offers (Two Tender Document System) through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal are invited from the interested bidders.

Tender No.	Description of Tender Details with approx. value
NWKRTC/2023-24/IND0023 IFT No.T-28 Dated: 23-12-2023	Supply of 100 Nos. of new City buses required for North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) as per the technical specifications (Rs. **45.00** Crores)

Last date & time for submission of Tender through e-portal: **06-01-2024** up to 17.30 hrs.

For details visit website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Phone No. 080-22230960, 080-22234115) or Help Desk (+91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777). Contact Mobile Nos. 7022009113/7760988557.

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases,
(Tender Inviting Authority)

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE BALLARI. Ballari – Bangalore road, Bandimote, Ballari Email: apmcballari@gmail.com
Tel: 08392 250442 FAX: 08392250890

No:/APMC /BLY/Dev/1219/2023-24 Date:22-12-2023

Corrigendum for Re e-tender notification

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Ballari had invited short term re-tender for RIDF 28 work vide letter **No: Apmc/BLR/Dev/1196/2023-24 Date:16-12-2023** in which the following dates have been misprinted as mentioned below.
01.PRE BID meeting date & time: **26.12.2023 11.30 AM Onwards.** 02.Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **29.12.2023 04.00 PM Onwards.** 03.Date & time for opening of technical Bid: **01.12.2023 04.30 PM Onwards.** 04.Date & time for opening of technical Bid: **15.01.2024 11.00 AM Onwards**

The following dates should be read instead of the above dates.

01.PRE BID meeting date & time: **26.12.2023 11.30 AM Onwards.** 02.Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **29.12.2023 04.00 PM Onwards.** 03.Date & time for opening of technical Bid **01.01.2024 04.30 PM Onwards** 04.Date & time for opening of financial Bid **15.01.2024 11.00 AM Onwards**

Sd/- Secretary APMC.Ballari **Sd/- Administrator APMC.Ballari**
DIPR/Ballari/643/KSMCA/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the sale deed dated 20.10.1986, Document No. 764/1986-87 executed between B.K. Nagaraj (THE Vendor), Smt. Bhagyalakshmma @ Bhagyalakshmi .M, (THE Purchaser) for the property bearing Vacant Site 55, B khata, 1st Main Road, Muthyalamma Nagar measuring East to West 50 Square feet and North to South 40 Square feet Totally measuring 2000 Sq ft, Situated Jalahalli Village, Sy.No.24, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore North Taluk and District has been lost/misplaced. All people are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from this present.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site.55, B khata, 1st Main Road, Muthyalamma Nagar, measuring East to West 50 Square feet and North to South 40 Square feet Totally measuring 2000 Sq ft, Situated at Jalahalli Village Sy.No.24, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore North Taluk and District and being bounded on the:

East by : Site No.36, West by : Road, North by : Site No.54, South by : Site No.56.

Address of Advocate:
SURENDRA Y.S., Advocate
#1/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road,
Near Vayalikaval Police Station,
Bangalore-560003.
Mob: 9008001878 / 08023344275

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that under the instructions from my client Sri Yaganti Venkateshwara Rao, aged about 48 years, S/o Chinna Narasimha Rao R/at No 5-162/2, Gurujala Mandalam, Pulipadu, Guntur, Andra Pradesh-522415, has purchased the immovable property.

Document description

Item No.1: Sale deed Document bearing No.BNG(U)ANKL32201/2006-07, register at Anekal SRO, of land bearing Sy No.60 measuring an extant of 1 acre 20 guntas, bounded by - **East:** land belongs to Ramaiah S/o Venkatappa in the same Sy.No.60, **West:** land belongs to Smt. Rajamma K.M.Nagaraj and Krishna reddy, **North:** remaining land in Sy.No.60, **South:** remaining land in Sy.No.60, situated at Bagganadodi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District.

Item No.2:- Sale deed Document bearing No. BNG(U)ANKL 32409 /2006-07, register at Anekal SRO, and bearing Sy No.63/1 measuring an extant of 1 acre 7 guntas, with 2 guntas phut Karab, bounded by - East :-land belongs to Sampangappa, Sy No.75, **West:** land belongs to Kondappa Sy.No.63, **North:** land belongs to Krishna Reddy Sy.No.64, **South:** land Belongs to Siddappa Sy.No.63/2, situated at Bagganadodi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District.

Item No.3:- Sale deed Document bearing No. BNG(U)ANKL 32410/2006-07, register at Anekal SRO, of land bearing Sy No.61/1 measuring an extant of 1 acre 1 guntas, with 3 guntas phut Karab, bounded by **East:** land belongs to Kanive papiah, Sy No.61/4, **West:** land belongs to Muniyappa Sy.No.73, **North:** land belongs to Chikkamuniyappa Sy.No.75, **South:** land Belongs to Siddanna & Siddappa Sy.No.61/2, situated at Bagganadodi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk,Bengaluru District.

Item No.4: Sale deed Document bearing No. BNG(U)ANKL 32407/2006-07, register at Anekal SRO, of land bearing Sy.No.65/3 measuring an extant of 27 guntas bounded by **East:** land belongs to K.N Nagaraj Sy No.65/6, **West:** land belongs to K.N Nagaraj and Choodamma Sy.No.64, **North:** land belongs to Chikkannanavara Munishamy and D.Muniswamy Sy.No.65/2, **South:** land Belongs to K.L.Nagaraj Sy.No.61, situated at Bagganadodi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District.

Hence, if above said item documents of my client have lost all the original documents in respect of the aforesaid properties, and reported to police station also on 06/12/2023, the Police registered Lost Report No. 0836916/2023, kindly if anybody obtained/ found the said documents, please hand over the same to the above address as it deems great help, and we regret to the same.

K.C. Ravindra Babu, Advocate.
KCR Law Firms
#293, Akshara, 15th A Cross, 7th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102. Mob: 9900483079, Date: 25-12-2023.

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण
INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)
Head Office : A-13, Sector – 1, Noida, U.P - 201 301
Phone 0120-2521664, Fax 0120-2544041, E-mail: mt.iwai@nic.in

Tender for Geotechnical Investigation (Bore Hole Investigation) in NW-10, NW-28 and NW-53

Bids from prospective applicants for "Tender for Geotechnical Investigation (Bore Hole Investigation) in NW-10, NW-28 and NW-53" are invited as per the following salient dates. Date of download of Tender is **21.12.2023** to **04.01.2024.** Last date of online submission of e-tender: **04.01.2024 @1500** hrs. Date of opening: **05.01.2024** at **1530** hrs. Detailed criteria and Tender is available at IWAI's website i.e. **www.iwai.nic.in** and **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Chief Engineer

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED

CIAL/FS/PR/ERS/23-01 TENDER NOTICE 27.12.2023

SUPPLY OF ONE EMERGENCY RESCUE STAIR

Sealed item rate tenders are invited for Supply, Testing, Commissioning and Handing Over of Emergency Rescue Stair for Cochin International Airport from the reputed manufacturing firms or their authorized dealers.

Cost of Tender Document	EMD	Completion Period
Rs.10,000/-	Rs.10,00,000/-	Ready for delivery in 16 (Sixteen) months from the date of acceptance of purchase order.

Interested firms may submit their application to the office of the **Managing Director, Cochin International Airport Limited, Kochi Airport P.O, Kerala – 683 111** (India) on or before 10th January 2024. For eligibility criteria and other details, visit our website **www.cial.aero.** **(Sd/-) Managing Director**

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, KOPPAL -583231
e-mail-apmckoppal2014@gmail.com
Phone no:08539-222119-222135 Fax::08539-222119

No.APMC/Ko/Devt/Tender/ 711 /2023-24 Date:22.12.2023

- : E-Tender Notification: -

Agricultural Produced Market Committee Koppal invites E-tender sanction under the RIDF-29 Scheme for Development works. Registered Contractor under the Department of Public Works and Inland Water Transport Under KPTT Act 1999 Standard Tender Document Item wise to Execute the following protected **Two cover** are invited separately through e-procurement. For more details Contact the Office or Phone No. **08539-222119** and e-portal Help line No: **080-22485867, 080-22501216** & visit Website http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in.
Name of Works : 1) **APMC/2023-24/OW/WORK IND No. 135.** Tender Amount Rs. In Lakhs: **208.73 + GST**. Remarks-
Time Schedule : 1)Last Date for submission the Tender documents **08-01-2024 At 4.00 Pm.** 2) Opening of Technical Bid : **10-01-2024 At 4.30 Pm.** 3) Opening of Financial Bid : **25-01-2024 At 11.00 am.**

Sd/- **Secretary**
APMC, KOPPAL
DIPR/KOPPAL/299/2023-24/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
"e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

1st corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 37 / 2023-24

B-1495: Following changes are made to the Invitation for the work "Construction of H. L. Bridge over river Brahmani at Talcher connecting Talcher to Khalpal in the District of Angul under State Plan for the year 2023-24" vide Bid Identification No. CE-WBP (O) - 37 / 2023 - 24.

- The Last date of submission of tender is extended upto 5.00 PM of dt.05.01.2024.
- Bids received on line shall be opened at 3.00 P.M of 06.01.2024.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
OIPR-34003/11/0078/2324 **World Bank Project, Odisha**

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LTD
(Wholly owned Govt.of Karnataka under taking)
Superintending Engineer(Ele),
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No: HESCOM/ SEE (T&P)/ E-7/AEE-1/2023-24 /cys-4946 Dated: 22.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement Portal Only)

The undersigned invites tenders in two parts (Part –I: Techno-Commercial Bid and Part-II :Price Bid) through e-procurement portal for manufacture & supply of the following

Sl No	Particulars	Enq.No.
1	Manufacture and supply of 8/9Mtr, RCC/PSCC Poles in 26 Divisions of HESCOM.	HESCOM/2023-24/IND0007 to IND0032

For further details visit the website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on OR after 27.12.2023
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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
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NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificate(s) issued by the Company are stated to have been lost or misplaced and the registered share holder(s) thereof have applied for issue of duplicate share certificate(s).
Notice is hereby given that the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s) to the below mentioned person(s) unless a valid objection is received by the company within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. No claims will be entertained by the company with respect to the original share certificate(s) subsequent to the issue of duplicates thereof.

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01	1020017	ANIL CHEBBI	103025	31778716	31779215	500
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Any person who has/have a claim in respect of the said certificate(s) should lodge his/her/their claim with all supporting documents with the company at its registered office. If no valid and legitimate claim is received within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, the company will proceed to issue Letter of Confirmation in lieu of duplicate share certificate(s) to the person listed above and no further claim would be entertained from any other person(s).

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Director, Dept of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bangalore Urban District,
Sri Kanteerava Sports Complex-Bangalore-560001.
Office Phone:-08022239771 Mobile:-9480886545
Email ID: adyssbangaloreurban12@gmail.com

NO : AD/DYES/BU/26/RSC/2023-24 Date:26/12/2023

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(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Particulars: Supplying of sports Materials
Tender Amount : Rs. 12.00 Lakhs.
EMD Amount : Rs.30,000
The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**. Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.
(a) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-procurement Portal : Date :**10.01.2024 till 5.00 pm.**
(b) Opening of Technical offers: Date: **11.01.2024 at 4.00 pm.**
(c)Opening of Commercial Offers : Date:**12.01.2024 at 11.00 am**
Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Assistant Director
Youth Empowerment and Sports
Bangalore Urban District
DIPR/CP/2715/Zen/2023-24 **[TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY]**

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
2nd Floor, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri-522503,
email: aphmhidc@gmail.com & ed.apmsidc16@gmail.com

Notice No.01/APMSIDC/EQU/2023-24, Dated: 26.12.2023

Proposals are invited from the firms who are technically competent for printing of PVC cards & willing to match L1 price ie., **Rs.18.88/-**, which is finalized through tender process for Printing and Distribution of Health cards to village secretariats of Andhra Pradesh. They are requested to submit their willingness on or before 02.01.2024 for further details visit APMSIDC website (**msidc.ap.nic.in**) **Sd/- Managing Director**

DIPR No.2567PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 26/12/2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 43/2023 Dated: 21-12-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time : 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No	Description in Brief	Tender Due on
1	L8236959	Brake control system including driver's vigilance control device as per CLW SPEC NO. CLW/MS/3/001/ALT-17. Note- Brake control system to be supplied in SET- I & SET-2 Make:KNORR BREMSE **Qty-02 Sets.**	11-01-2024
2	L8236709A	Traction Transformer complete with accessories (cooling unit/pump etc.,) including electrical wiring harness along with Harting connectors in the marshalling box as per approved GA drawing of ICF suitable for 3-PHASE MEMU propulsion system as per RDSO Specification No.RDSO/PE/SPEC/EMU/0096-2008 (rev 4 or latest) for 3-Phase MEMU DMCs **Qty-01 No.**	15-01-2024

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
PUB/590/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru**
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
ULSOOR Branch
No: 18, Cambridge Road,
ULSOOR, Pin – 560008,
Bengaluru, Ph: 9483530791
e-mail: cb0791@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Ulsoor Branch (0791)** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **30-01-2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 1,49,51,803.77** (Rupees **One Crore Forty Nine lakhs Fifty One Thousands Eight Hundred and Three Only**) as on **18/12/2023** with further interest and charges thereon due to the **ULSOOR Branch (0791)** of Canara Bank from **Borrower/s 1. RAVITEJA PEETHA 2. GUARANTOR-PEETHA ANKAMMA.**
The reserve price will be **Rs1,35,26,000** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Twenty Six Thousands Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 13,52,600** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fifity Two Thousand And Six Hundred Only).The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 29/01/2024 by 4.00 PM
Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any.
Name of the Owner/Mortgagor: 1. RAVITEJA PEETHA 2. PEETHA ANKAMMA (GUARANTOR)

Description of the immovable property

Lendee Sentosa Apartments, Flat No-101,1st floor,sy no-94/1B, BBMP Katha 637/94/1B, Doddakannehalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru, East by: Property of shesha Reddy, West by: Property of Doreswamy Mudaliar, North by :Property of Someswamy Mudaliar, South by: Road.
Title Holder : Mr. RAVITEJA PEETHA

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact **Authorised Officer,** Canara Bank, ULSOOR Branch (0791) P B No. 883, 18/10, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor- 560008. Mob.- ***9483530791*** , email id :cb0791@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Place: Ulsoor Sd/-Authorised Officer
Date: 19.12.2023 Canara Bank,
Ulsoor Branch

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI
Virgonagar Branch BOI Building, Avalahalli, Old Madras Road,
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Phone No: 080-28472770/771, 8197029179
Virgonagar.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule-8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of India**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13(12), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement)Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **05.10.2023** calling upon the **borrower Shri Mr. Narasimha Murthy M** and **Guarantor Mr. Narasimharaju G M** to pay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.12,51,642.16 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two And Paisa Sixteen Only)** along with further interest there on @ 10.50% p.a within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **26th day of December of the year 2023.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.12,51,642.16** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two And Paisa **Sixteen Only**) along with further interest @ 10.50% p.a and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : EQM of all that piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No.17 forming portion of Sy No.61 of Gundur Village, Old Katha No.114, New Khatha No.193/195/164, E-Khatha No.150200400100620043, Situated At Gundur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet and in all admeasuring 1200 sq.ft, owned Mr. Narasimha Murthy M and the property **bounded on : East by :** Site No 16, **West by :** Site No 24, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No 18.

Date : 26.12.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Bank of India

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6) and 9(1)]
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrower Mortgagor : Mr. H. Narayana Murthy** S/o. Mr. Hanumaiah, **Proprietor, M/s. Kushaal Enterprises,** D.No. 212/1, Ground Floor, Lokasevaniratham, Hanumanthaiah Road, Lohith Nagara,Nelamangala - 562123 and also at No.260, 2nd Main Road 17th Cross, Lohith Nagara, Nelamangala - 562123 and the **Guarantor : Mrs. M. Rekha** W/o. Mr. H. Narayana Murthy, No. 260, 2nd Main Road, 17th Cross, Lohith Nagara, Nelamangala - 562123. that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Nelamangala Branch**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **12.02.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** for recovery of **Rs. 22,42,055.50** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Forty Two Thousand Fifty Five and Paise Fifty Only) as on 29.11.2023 with further interest from 29.11.2023 and expenses due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Nelamangala Branch** with subsequent interest and expenses.
The Reserve Price will be Rs. 57,00,000/- and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 5,70,000/-.

Place of submission of EMD and Aution	**Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd Nelamangala Branch,** Weavers Colony Bus Stop, B.H.Road, Nelamangala-562123.
Date and Time of E-Auction Sale	**12.02.2024 at 11.00 A.M**
Upset Price	**Rs. 57,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh only)**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Land to the extent of 800.00 sq.ft situated at New Nelamangala Nagarasabe Gramatana Site No. 212/1, Khaneshumari No.860/212/1, E-Katha No. 150300700700120019, Near ADA Office, Lohith Nagara, Basavanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasabahobli, Nelamangala Municipal, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District and Residential Building thereat to the extent of GF - 760.00 Sq.ft, FF - 760.00 Sq.ft and SF - 700 Sq.ft totally 2220.00 Sq.ft including all amenities standing in the name of Mr. A. Narayana Murthy S/o. Mr. Hanumaiah. **Boundaries : North :** Vacant Site No. 212, **South :** Government Halla, **East :** Vacant Site, **West :** Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in)**.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Date: 26.12.2023 **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.**
Bengaluru Region (For Nelamangala Branch)

EDITORIAL

"The right to life includes the right to a healthy environment" — P N Bhagwati

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— Ramnath Goenka

GUARD MERCHANT SHIPS BETWEEN SUEZ AND INDIAN PORTS

IN the wake of the recent attacks on commercial vessels in the Arabian Sea, the Indian Navy has deployed three stealth-guided missile destroyers—*INS Mormugao*, *INS Kochi* and *INS Kolkata*—in various areas to maintain a deterrent presence. The drone attacks on two vessels bound for India that were carrying Indian crew members have raised concerns about the safety of maritime trade amid escalating tensions due to Israel's war in Gaza. Though there were no casualties, the Indian Navy has taken a serious note of the drone attacks by the Houthis, who support the Palestinian cause and are ideologically hostile towards the US and Israel. They have turned the Red Sea into a war zone in recent weeks by launching missiles and drones at commercial ships passing through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait—a narrow passageway south of Yemen leading to the Red Sea and onto the Suez Canal—threatening to disrupt global supply chains unless Gaza receives humanitarian aid. The assault has led to the formation of an international maritime coalition led by the US to deter the militia.

The Suez Canal is one of the most important sea routes with around 12 percent of the global oil trade and more than $1 trillion worth of goods passing through it per year. The Houthi onslaught has prompted major oil and shipping giants to suspend operations through the Red Sea and re-route cargo vessels around the southern tip of Africa, which may require an additional 10 days of voyage westwards costing up to $1 million more per ship, according to reports. The growing attacks, especially on oil tankers, in and around the Red Sea will temporarily affect India's crude shipments from its traditional trade partners in West Asia. As of November, Iraq and Saudi Arabia were the second and third largest sources of crude for the country.

The Indian Navy, which has been conducting anti-piracy patrols in the region against Somali pirates, will need to protect India's maritime trade. It may have to provide convoy escorts to the merchant vessels exiting the Suez Canal and heading towards Indian ports. Any assault on the convoy or the escorts should be considered an act of war. The government of India needs to take a decision on guarding merchant ships from the Suez eastwards through the Red Sea, up to Bab el-Mandeb and into the Arabian Sea.

LEARN LESSONS FROM ROURKELA OUTBREAK

A string of deaths, presumably caused by a cholera outbreak, in Odisha's Rourkela is a clear case of lessons not being learnt from the past. At least nine persons have perished over just two weeks to what the administration terms acute diarhhoeal diseases (ADD). While the unofficial toll could be higher, scores of residents in the city have been affected. Preliminary investigation has found traces of cholera in the water samples and that is a cause for alarm. Rourkela, located in the north-western part of the state, is an industrial hub and such an outbreak should be a red flag. The tight-lipped administration is still looking for the causes though the compromised water supply seems to be the culprit. So far, no one has been held accountable for the contamination that led to the deaths.

Cholera outbreaks are not new in Odisha, but they used to be restricted primarily to the backward tribal regions of state's southern and western districts. The outbreak in an industrial pocket means the urban administration was caught napping. The drinking water distribution system, testing and surveillance mechanism as well as health network have come under the microscope.

About nine winters ago, Sambalpur, another western Odisha town, had reported close to 30 deaths caused by a jaundice outbreak. Cuttack and Berhampur, too, have been frequent victims of jaundice and ADD outbreaks. However, the takeaways from the past episodes seem to have been forgotten by Odisha's urban development department, which has an envious collection of awards for its performance. Earlier this year, Bhubaneswar emerged as the state's dengue epicentre with a massive case load. If that was not enough, the state capital had to deal with a gigantic trash hill which sent pollution alarms buzzing. It continues to be a hot political topic. All these episodes indicate that the government may have been missing the woods for the trees. Urban planning is always a complex affair as migration continues and cities need to be equipped to take on multiple challenges of life and livelihood. So turning urban and semi-urban landscapes into hubs of aspiration through modern amenities and grand designs is welcome. It is, however, of paramount importance that the government first safeguards the basic urban rights of citizens. The Rourkela episode must not be replayed.

QUICK TAKE

MESSAGE CLEARLY TO SAVE GOA TOURISM

GOA'S health department recently said it was ready to tackle a Covid wave should it crash ashore again. The state does not qualify as a hotspot yet—it counted only 36 active cases on Tuesday morning. The worry for the state, a third of whose population depends on tourism, is that even this news is rattling foreign tourists. Arrivals in the first seven months of 2023 were at 2.8 lakh, comparable with 2019's 9.4 lakh. The industry's hope was for a pick-up this winter and now that is under a cloud. The state needs more aggressive messaging on its preparedness to save livelihoods in its biggest job-creating industry.

The Congress needs to highlight that inclusive growth is a visceral conviction, not vote bank politics. The INDIA bloc should not be shy of reiterating this belief too

A VISION FOR INDIAN POLITY, 2024 & BEYOND

SHASHI THAROOR
Third-term Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram and the Sahitya-Akademi winning author of 24 books, most recently *Ambedkar: A Life*

SOUMYADIP SINHA

WITH general elections barely four months away, and in the wake of the setbacks faced by the Congress in the recent state elections, the air is thick with pessimism. Worse still, the doomsayers lament the alleged absence of a coherent agenda for the INDIA group, and its lack of a single face to pit against the redoubtable Narendra Modi. Do we have answers to them?

The second criticism is more easily dealt with. The BJP has a single face to pitch to the nation as in the last two elections, Modi's. INDIA has several. Our slogan should ideally be one we briefly tried in 2014 and failed to persist with: "Main nahin, hum (Not I, we)." Those Indians tired of the I-me-myself personality cult will welcome a team of experienced and proven leaders who will work collectively together in the public interest.

On the first charge, it is my view that we must reaffirm the idea of India that the Congress has stood for and the positive agenda it offers the nation. Despite the BJP's colossal failures of governance, its propaganda machinery is so effective that their successes are remembered. In turn, the public wants to hear a positive message from the INDIA alliance. Don't just attack Narendra Modi and the BJP, we are told; give us a narrative of your own.

INDIA's, and the Congress's, core beliefs reflect the values it has embodied since the freedom struggle—in particular inclusive growth, social justice, abolition of poverty and the protection of the marginalised, including minorities, women, Dalits and Adivasis. These have been distorted and portrayed as pandering to vote banks rather than as the visceral convictions they are. The Congress has been speaking out for these sections of Indian society and INDIA must do so with even more intensity.

INDIA is the political embodiment of India's pluralism and a strong, committed voice for the preservation of secularism as its fundamental reflection. We should not be shy of reiterating our belief in these values. The BJP's abandonment of Indian pluralism in pursuit of the folly of a Hindu rashtra has made minorities insecure and undermined one of India's greatest assets.

Our differences from the BJP are stark. We seek to empower minorities, the BJP marginalises them in ghettoes. We give election tickets to Muslim candidates; the BJP's is the first government in independent India's history to have no elected Muslim MP in the Lok Sabha, and today, not in the Rajya Sabha either. The BJP's supporters engineer anti-minority violence to promote polarisation; we seek to douse the flames.

Inclusive INDIA must shift the terms of the debate to development. Where is sab ka saath sab ka vikas? Where is achchhe din? Why should we now believe in amrit kaal? We can point to what we accomplished in 10 years of UPA rule—MNREGA, RTI, RTE, food security, millions of new bank accounts with real money in them. We work to improve the economic status of all Indians, including minorities. The Congress is the party that liberalised the economy, but it also has a strong commitment to social justice. We want economic growth, but we must ensure that the fruits of growth reach the poor and the marginalised. We must lift the poor up so they can enjoy the full benefits of our economy. We are proud of our record in pulling millions out of poverty during our rule and remain committed to continuing the effort. India will not "shine" until it shines for all.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

In urban India, INDIA must speak for the basic necessities that urban voters lack. We should speak to and lead the struggle for better public utilities like city transport, pothole-free roads, affordable housing, clean drinking water, decent education in government schools, adequate healthcare facilities, public parks, cleaner air and improved sanitation and effective waste management. We should use facts and figures to point out that the BJP's performance in these basic challenges of urban governance has been woeful and that they do not deserve the votes of the urban public.

The needs of rural India represent an obvious political opportunity for us: the mounting farmer suicides, the inadequate funding of the MNREGA, the lack of increase in minimum support prices (MSPs) paid to farmers for vital crops, and the increase in distress migration in the countryside represent easy targets for INDIA. We have tried and tested policies in response: massive loan waivers, rural aid packages of minimum income, increased funding for MNREGA and higher MSPs, the NYAY scheme. Critics can call it "welfarism"; we must wear the badge with pride. Our poor need welfare.

We must not allow the BJP to monopolise the nationalist narrative either. As the party with the most experience in safeguarding India's national interests, INDIA must proudly articulate its own nationalism and remain vigilant on security and foreign policy issues that could be mishandled by the BJP government. Though our tradition is that political differences stop at the water's edge and that foreign policy is India's, not any one party's, we must not allow the BJP to use its governmental position to be identified as the sole protector of Indian national pride, which we may define very differently.

We also need to articulate a vision for the future that embraces the aspirations of India's majority—the young. A startling 40 percent of voters are under 35. They need to hear what we have done and can do for them. Our party has done a great deal of work in the areas of education and skill development, but not enough in job creation strategies. We need to evolve policies in this area to be implemented in the states we rule and to be advocated at the Centre. Young Indians must believe we understand their aspirations and can be trusted to promote them in government.

These principles and practical suggestions are by no means an exhaustive list. But in my view they offer some pointers to the way forward for India's oldest, most inclusive and most experienced party, as part of a formidable alliance, to restore its past glory. INDIA must rise to the challenge. India needs it to.

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VACATING TODAY'S POST TO GROOM TOMORROW'S LEADER

R GOPALAKRISHNAN
Author and business commentator. His fifty-year professional career was spent in Hindustan Unilever and Tata Group

IT is useful to ponder whether leaders make history or history makes leaders. What is sure is that history does not recognise leaders in the way that leaders think they are making history. If it were possible to speak with the dead, imagine what Jack Welch or Jawaharlal Nehru would say about my statement. It is tough to get to the top. It is tougher to stay on top. But it is the toughest to vacate the top. Leaders who experience scrambling up, and then staying on top sometimes falter on this toughest of tests.

I once travelled as an assistant for a top leader during his tour of India. Being young and curious, I asked how he could be sure that he had selected the right leader after him. He responded, "I do not know—not until the successor to the person I selected has performed."

At that time, his response seemed puzzling. The coin dropped for me much later. Maybe one leader's performance is a flash, maybe his successor's too, but if the third generation is performing, then the system of leadership planning has probably been institutionalised. This anecdote symbolises how a long-term view must be taken when it comes to leadership planning, renewal and succession.

Recall that Chandragupta Maurya created the Mauryan empire, his son Bindusara strengthened it and Bindusara's son Ashoka expanded it rapidly before adopting pacifist Buddhism. Ashoka stayed 37 years in his role; the decline and end of the Mauryan empire began with his death.

Louis XIV was king of France for 72 years. He surely strengthened France, but left it severely in debt. When he died, the kingdom was left in the hands of his five-year-old great grandson who became Louis XV. There was a steep decline of royal authority leading up to the French Revolution.

Ayatollah Khamenei had ruled Iran since 1989, Yoweri Museveni has ruled Uganda since 1986, and Hun Sen ruled Cambodia from 1985 till recently. It will be instructive to observe the condition of these nations after the tenures of these longtime rulers come to an end.

When it comes to companies, it is my observation that a tenure of 10 years—maybe at the most 20 years—is appropriate for one leader. There are exceptions, of course, and my observation must be seen merely as a personal one. After some time, the law of diminishing returns starts to take effect on leadership.

Did Jack Welch stay five years too long at GE? On the other hand, did Lou Gerstner retire with excellent timing after rescuing an ailing IBM? CEO Alan Lafley steered Procter & Gamble creditably after the short, not-so-memorable leadership of his predecessor; could he have avoided becoming board chairman after being CEO for 10 years? Bob Iger had a fabulous run as CEO at Disney, but remained on the board only to return as CEO three years later. If this yardstick was applied to the success of their successor's successor, then how should one view these facts? The subjects of how to select the next leader and how a leader reads his expiry date in a role—both deserve separate commentaries.

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Leaving the top spot requires humility. A Tagore verse says: "Who will assume my tasks? asked the majestic setting sun. Upon hearing this grave question, the world was silent. A wick lamp spoke up, My lord, within my small capacity, I think I can help." CEOs need to nurture the wick lamps under their blaze

The discipline of an institution lies in having and implementing a clear retirement policy. Top leaders should also prepare to avoid being hangers-on in one capacity or another. I received my initial training at Hindustan Unilever, which I joined 56 years ago. From Prakash Tandon in 1967 to Rohit Jawa in 2023, the company has had seven CEOs with an average tenure of eight years. Systematic change in leadership helps the company to renew.

Tata Consultancy, Tata Steel and Titan have enough management bandwidth to allow orderly CEO change every 10 years or less. Further, it is true that such CEOs are hugely valuable at the time of retirement. Almost in all cases, such CEOs are able to redirect their experience and judgement in new directions upon retirement. This renews the company as well as the retiring CEO.

Upon retiring from Hindustan Unilever, Prakash Tandon became chairman of State Trading Corporation and Punjab National Bank. Ashok Ganguly joined the Unilever board; thereafter, he became an independent director of British Airways, followed by a stint in the Rajya Sabha. Recently, Sanjiv Mehta retired and became an independent director of Tata-owned Air India, French dairy company Danone, and Unilever Indonesia.

Several Tata CEOs have also had fruitful post-retirement occupations: S Ramadorai, former CEO of Tata Consultancy, became an independent director at Hindustan Unilever and Piramal, apart from being chairman of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai and Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai. B Muthuraman retired from Tata Steel and held independent directorship at Sundram Fasteners, apart from a deep engagement with advancing management education. Homi Khusrokhan served as board member in some companies, school boards and clubs.

Vacating the top spot requires humility. Rabindranath Tagore wrote a relevant verse, though not about leaders' tenures. My translation of the Bengali original is, "'Who will assume my tasks?', asked the majestic setting sun. Upon hearing this grave question, the world was speechless and silent. A wick lamp spoke up quietly, 'My Lord, within my small capacity, I think I can help'."

The lesson I have learnt is that today's CEO is a wick lamp to an earlier CEO. Do not forget to nurture the wick lamps under your blaze.

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Leadership roles

Ref: *House leaders need to rise above politics* (Dec 26). Blaming the ruling party, speaker of Lok Sabha and deputy chairman of Rajya Sabha for deterioration of parliamentary democracy and absolving all opposition of responsibility is a travesty of the truth. But Kapil Sibal's conclusions are likely to be prophetic. All parties must solve problems in a peaceful manner instead of squabbling.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Christian institutions

Ref: *PM praises role of Christians in healthcare, edu* (Dec 26). Christian institutions are playing an important role in the field of education and healthcare not only in urban but also in semi-urban and rural areas. Their main motive is to work for the poor as a duty to the country. Their contribution in quality education and medical care with nominal fees is unforgettable.
V K S Krishnan, Thanjavur

UN responsibility

Ref: *Netanyahu says Israel set to intensify attacks on Gaza* (Dec 26). The Gaza Strip is continuing to bear the brunt of violence as the Israeli prime minister vows to intensify attacks. Be that as it may, the UN should have gone beyond calling for more aid. They should have at least called for a ceasefire in phases.
R Sampath, Chennai

Glass houses

Ref: *'Distressing when history will judge the presiding officers harshly for bills'* (Dec 26). Like all Congress members, Mallikarjun Kharge has selective amnesia. He has suppressed his party's own track record. In 1975, when Indira Gandhi was disqualified for electoral malpractice she resorted to imposing Emergency. It's high time Kharge studied the true history of the Congress before throwing stones at others.
Hemanth D Pai, Bangalore

Right choice

Arvind Kejriwal and Mamata Banerjee rightly suggested Congress president Kharge as INDIA bloc candidate for prime minister. Strangely, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar is upset over this. The only party with a pan-India presence in the INDIA bloc is the Congress, which is why the two leaders opted for Kharge for the post.
Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli

Follow etiquette

MP Kalyan Banerjee's claim that mimicry is a fundamental right of expression may be true. But being an elected representative of the country, we expect them to follow certain etiquettes. Unfortunately, in every state we have some foul-mouthed leaders who tarnish the post they hold.
N Viswanathan, Coimbatore

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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Healthy citizens are the foundation of a prosperous nation, and #ViksitBharatSankalpYatra is taking healthcare delivery right to the doorstep across the country.

Jawhar Sircar @jawharsircar
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Not a single day goes without someone sharing their ghastly experience while travelling in trains. People are paying more for services though services are going down the drain.

EAM, Manturov ink pact on Kudankulam

Ties with Moscow are special, we want to raise trade with Russia from $50 billion to $100 billion, says Jaishankar

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is on a five-day visit to Russia, signed on Tuesday an agreement on the Kudankulam nuclear power project when he met Russian Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.

"There is an X factor when it comes to the relationship between India and Russia. It has remained good and has enhanced into a special and privileged strategic partnership. I signed an agreement along with DPM Manturov for future units of the Kudankulam project in Tamil Nadu. The bilateral trade between India and Russia can increase from the present $50 billion to $100 billion in the next few years," said Jaishankar, while interacting with the Indian diaspora in Moscow.

He said India has strong ties in defence, nuclear and space sectors with Russia as the country is a trusted partner.

EAM S Jaishankar with Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Manturov | EXPRESS

"Our relationship with Russia has been stable over many decades as the leaderships have taken care to nurture it. There is a strong people-to-people connect between our two nations. We support Russia for their BRICS presidency and will continue to be their partners," the minister added.

He said there was a scope of improving more connectivity between the two sides, but since civil aviation sector was privatised, it is up to the carrier to choose a route that would be rational for them.

On trade in local currencies, Jaishankar said since reliance on traditional currencies was dwindling, there are more and more countries who are now considering trading in local currencies, which also happens when there are conflicts and a shortage of traditional currencies.

"What I realised after meeting Deputy PM Manturov today was that many people in Russia are now aware of how much India has progressed, whether its digital payments, our growth rate at 7.7% or the expertise in pharma sector or education. We need to make others aware of our achievements and the diaspora can do that through their network," said Jaishankar.

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> S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister

"PM Modi has always said during his interactions with the diaspora that you (the local diaspora) should get your friends to visit India. It will not only enhance tourism, but would also dispel impressions that they may feel about the country," he added.

"In this fast-changing world, India, too, has changed and progressed. From being the 10th largest economy a decade back, India has now moved to the 5th position and a few years from now, it will become the 3rd largest economy. This improvement should be shared with people locally by the diaspora as the narrative needs to be changed to what it is at present," Jaishankar said.

The ties between India and Russia have remained strong notwithstanding Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. India has not yet condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and it has been maintaining that the crisis must be resolved through diplomacy and dialogue. India's import of Russian crude oil has gone up significantly despite increasing disquiet over it in many Western countries.

A 'New India' selfie point in Goa | EXPRESS

Modi selfie points at railway stations stoke controversy

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IN perhaps the first such move to add to the growing popularity of Prime Minister Modi, railway stations across the country will have 3D selfie booths to provide an opportunity for passengers to have selfies with PM Modi's cutouts.

Opposition leader and Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge called the move a huge waste of public money. "Self-obsessed promotion by Modi govt knows no bounds! Absolutely brazen waste of taxpayers' money," Kharge said on X.

> **Earlier, the blood and sacrifice of our brave soldiers was used by ordering the armed forces to install 822 such selfie points with a prominent cutout of Modi ji**
>
> Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president

"Earlier, the blood and sacrifice of our brave soldiers was used by ordering the armed forces to install 822 such selfie points with a prominent cutout of Modi ji. This is at a time when the govt has not provided drought and flood relief to states. National rural employment scheme funds for opposition-ruled states are also pending," said Kharge, calling the move a cheap election stunt.

Kharge also shared a copy of a reply obtained under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, which listed the stations under the Central Railway where temporary and permanent selfie booths have been installed.

According to the RTI reply, the approved cost for the temporary selfie booths for category A station is ₹1.25 lakh each, whereas the permanent selfie booth for category C stations will cost ₹6.25 lakh.

There were reports that the railway board in Delhi had told general managers of 19 zonal railways to install selfie booths at stations. These were supposed to be designed with durable 3D fibre sculptures, acrylic boards, glass and integrated lighting to showcase 3D sculptures crafted from materials like fibre, clay or Plaster of Paris. The installations highlight Central initiatives such as Skill India, Ujjwala Yojana and Chandrayaan Mission.

In October, the defence ministry had issued guidelines to all its departments to set up 822 selfie points to highlight the work done by the department and said this "may contain" photos of the PM. The suggested locations for the selfie points included war memorials, museums, public transit stations, airports, markets, schools and colleges and tourist spots.

Yechury declines invite for Ram temple opening, CPM says event 'political'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE CPI(M) on Tuesday confirmed that its general secretary Sitaram Yechury will not attend the inaugural ceremony of Ram temple in Ayodhya on January 22, as it believes that religion is a personal choice, and is not to be converted into an instrument for political gain.

This newspaper has reported earlier that though Yechury received the invitation from Nripendra Misra, chairman of the Ayodhya Ram temple Construction Committee, he would not be attending it.

In a statement, the CPI(M) politburo said that it is most unfortunate that the BJP and RSS have converted a religious ceremony into a State-sponsored event directly involving the Prime Minister, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and other government functionaries.

"A fundamental principle of governance in India as reiterated by the Supreme Court is that the State of India, under the constitution, should have no religious affiliation. This is being violated by the ruling regime in the organisation of the event," it said.

The CPI(M) policy has been to respect religious beliefs and safeguard the right of every individual to pursue their belief, it said. "It believes that religion is a personal choice not to be converted into an instrument for political gain. Therefore, we will not be attending the ceremony," said the statement.

Sitaram Yechury

'Religion a choice'

The CPI(M) said its policy has been to respect religious beliefs and safeguard the right of every individual to pursue their belief. Religion is not to be converted into an instrument for political gain, it said.

Echoing the view, CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat said, "As far as the CPI(M) policy is concerned, we respect religious beliefs, but as a political party, we keep our distance from religious events."

The CPI(M)'s boycott of the inauguration sparked a political war of words with Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi responding that though invitations were sent to all, only "those called by Lord Ram will come".

Responding to the CPI(M) statement, VHP national spokesperson Vinod Bansal wrote on X, "There are reports that the one whose name is Sitaram will not go to Ayodhya Dham".

"Political opposition is understandable, but if someone has so much hatred for his own name, he can only be a communist," Bansal added.

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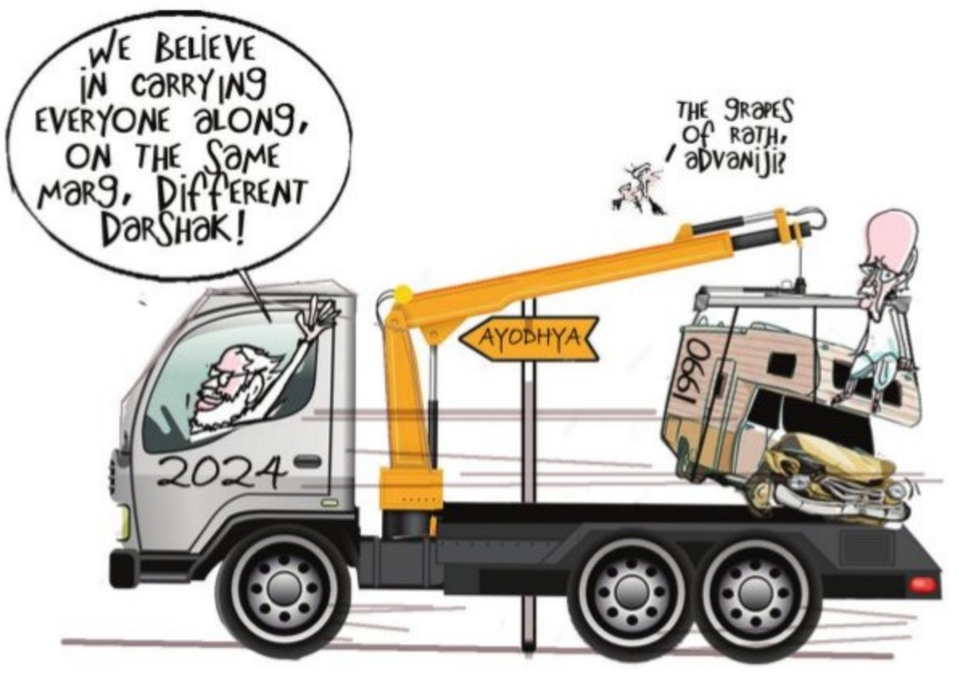


Modi dials MBS, says concerned over West Asia

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THREE days after an unmanned drone attacked a merchant ship off the coast of Veraval and another Indian merchant ship being attacked in Red Sea, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, expressing concerns on the situation in West Asia.

"I held a good conversation with my brother Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud on the future of strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia. We exchanged views on West Asia situation and shared concerns regarding terrorism, violence and the loss of civilian lives. We agreed to work together for peace, security and stability in the region," said Modi.

Narendra Modi

Mohammed bin Salman

It may be recalled that three days ago, an unmanned drone hit a merchant ship (MV Chem Pluto) off the coast of Veraval in Gujarat. The vessel had 21 Indian sailors on board.

While nobody was hurt fortunately, the ship, which carried oil from Saudi Arabia and was heading to Mangaluru, suffered damages. A day later, another Indian ship, MV Sai Baba, was attacked in Red Sea.

This is an obvious spillover of the conflict in Red Sea. Many merchant ships have paused their commute after Houthi attacks. The Houthis, who rule a major part of Yemen, have pledged to carry out attacks until Israel halts assault on Gaza. About 40 per cent of international trade passes through the narrow strait between Yemen and northeast Africa, which leads northwards to the Red Sea, Israel's southern port facilities and the Suez Canal.

SEMANTICS

'Central', 'Union' can be used interchangeably, says Delhi HC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Delhi High Court, in a recent order, dismissed a Public Interest Litigation filed by an 84-year-old man, seeking to replace the term 'Central government' with 'Union' or 'Union government' in all orders, correspondences and notifications.

"Federalism is the basic structure of Constitution. It cannot be said that it is diluted or violated by the use of the expression 'Central government' instead of 'Union government'," said a bench headed by Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Manmohan.

The bench said that 'Central Government', 'Union of India' as well as 'Government of India' have been used vastly in various statutes and connote the government of the country in interchangeable expressions, and the petitioner's statement that the use of the expression 'Central Government' implies that state governments are subordinate to it, is totally unacceptable.

The bench refused to entertain the petition filed by Atmaram Saraogi. "This court will not enter into the arena of legislation, which is not within the domain of this court," the bench said in the order.

Saraogi, an 84-year-old Kolkata resident, had moved the Delhi High Court earlier this year seeking a direction to the Union of India, through the Ministry of Law and Justice, to use the expression 'Union', 'Union government' or 'Union of India' instead of 'Central government', 'Centre'.

The court had dismissed the PIL on December 19 but a detailed order was uploaded on its website later.

Navy commissions stealth destroyer INS Imphal

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INS Imphal, a Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyer, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at an impressive ceremony held at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

It is the third of four indigenous 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers, being designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.

Speaking on the occasion, the Defence Minister described INS Imphal as a shining example of 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence and a reflection of the commitment of Indian Navy, MDL & all other stakeholders towards national security. "INS Imphal is a symbol of India's growing maritime power and it will strengthen it further. It will bolster our principle of 'Jalmev Yasya, Balmev Tasya' (One Who Controls the Sea is All Powerful) in the Indo-Pacific region," he said.

The ship measures 163m in length, 17m in breadth with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes and is amongst the most potent warships built in India. It is

propelled by four powerful Gas Turbines, in a Combined Gas & Gas configuration, and is capable of speeds in excess of 30 knots.

The ship has a total complement of about 315 personnel, and is commanded by Captain KK Choudhury, a Gunnery and Missiles specialist. It will augment the Navy's mobility, reach and flexibility in safeguarding the nation's maritime security and interests.

As reported earlier by this newspaper the contract for the construction of four ships under Project-15B was signed in January 2011 at a project cost of about 29,643.74 crore. The final cost of the project is ₹35,000 crore. The four ships are christened after major cities from all four corners of the country — Visakhapatnam, Mormugao, Imphal, and Surat. The remaining ships would be commissioned one per year from 2022 to 2024.

Prior to the commissioning of INS Imphal, two destroyers of the same class INS Visakhapatnam and INS Mormugao were commissioned into the Navy in 2021 & 2022 respectively.

INS Imphal has the unique distinction of being the first warship to be named after a city in the North-east.

Rajnath to reach J&K today, take stock of security

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, days after a deadly terror ambush in Poonch district left four Army personnel dead. Army Chief General Manoj Pande is already in Jammu.

Sources said that "Singh is likely to take stock of the security situation in the region post terror strike."

Meanwhile, the Army has been conducting extensive operations to track down terrorists behind the ambush that left four soldiers dead in Poonch last week.

The Chief of Army Staff also asked them to remain resolute and steadfast against all challenges.

After an interaction with officers on the ground, General Pande urged the commanders to conduct all operations in the "most professional manner".

8 governors from Russia to be at Vibrant Gujarat meet

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

EIGHT governors from Russia will participate in the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Summit, scheduled from January 10 to 12 in Gandhinagar. Russia is one of the 25 nations that have agreed to be partner countries for the summit.

"The Russian governors will arrive in Delhi on January 8 and then head to Gandhinagar to attend the summit. India and Russia are strategic partners, and bilateral relations between the two nations have been on the rise despite the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine," stated a source.

Rushikesh Patel, minister of health and family welfare of Gujarat, said, "There are 25 countries that have consented to participate as partners in the upcoming summit, with 21 providing written consent and four, including Russia, granting verbal acceptance."

He added that the Vibrant Gujarat Summit will offer participants the opportunity to explore investment possibilities

in various sectors, with the state aiming to attract investments worth ₹3.37 lakh crore.

With robust bilateral trade reaching $49.36 billion in 2022-23 and 161.22 per cent increase in trade in the first six months of the current fiscal, the two nations have set a bilateral investment target of $50 billion by 2025.

Meanwhile, on December 4, Russian ambassador Denis Alipov had met Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel in Gandhinagar to discuss strengthening cooperation with the state.

MONEY LAUNDERING
A charge sheet under the anti-money laundering law has been filed in a probe linked to the alleged illegal sale of sand, liquor and land in Jharkhand through which crime worth over ₹14 crore were generated between 2021-22.

2 DEAD AFTER INHALING GAS IN MUMBAI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	15	28	Mumbai	24	34
Bhopal	12	27	Panaji	25	35
Jaipur	12	24	Patna	12	26
Amritsar	07	22	Lucknow	09	23
Chennai	25	30	Port Blair	26	31
Kolkata	14	25	Imphal	10	23
Srinagar	-2	11	Chandigarh	06	22

15-member panel for Mission Bengal

Amit Shah, JP Nadda take stock of BJP's poll preparedness for Lok Sabha elections in '24

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

EYEING the Lok Sabha elections slated to be held next year, the BJP on Tuesday constituted a 15-member election management committee for West Bengal.

The committee was formed during a core committee meeting of the BJP's Bengal unit in Kolkata, which was chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah and the party's national president JP Nadda, according to party sources.

The two BJP heavyweights came to Kolkata on their two-day visit on Monday. Four members of the election management committee are the BJP's central observers for Bengal. They are Sunil Bansal, Amit Malviya, Asha Lakra and Mangal Pandey.

The other members in the committee include former national president Dilip Ghosh, West Bengal chapter head Sukanta Majumdar, former state president Rahul Sinha, Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, among others.

"The election management committee will be responsible for all election related activities in West Bengal, including finalising the schedule of campaigning for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls," the sources said.

Shah and Nadda held a meeting with those who look after party's social media cell. "It is clear that the party will launch aggressive campaign using the digital platforms in this election," said a BJP leader, pleading anonymity, in Kolkata.

The sources said the committee has been tasked to prepare the initial list of probable candidates who can be fielded in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll fray. "Based on the list provided by the committee, the party's central leadership will prepare the final list of candidates," said the leader.

Insiders in the saffron camp said that the leadership has asked the committee to rope in both celebrity and political faces in the list of probable candidates.

Both Shah and Nadda stressed that the party needed to secure more than 35 Lok Sabha seats from Bengal, according to a leader present at the meeting.

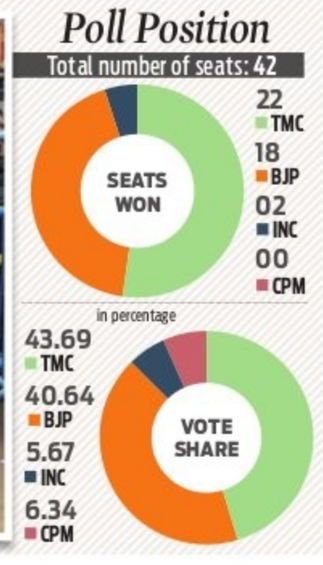
"Amit Shah ji and Nadda ji asked us to start preparedness for the elections in full swing," said another BJP leader.

Shah and Nadda went to the gurdwara at Jorasanko in north Kolkata and Kalighat temple located near Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's residence.

Trinamool Congress on Monday night workers covered the roadside light posts and others structures with their party flags towards the temple, while the BJP tied party flags on them on Tuesday morning.

Shah waved hands when party supporters welcomed him with slogans. There was no event to address supporters by Shah and Nadda.

"The visit by our party's two heavyweights and meeting with our party functionaries are our internal issues. We have discussed poll preparedness and strategy focusing on the next year's Lok Sabha elections," said Adhikari.



Party's 4 central observers in panel

Four members of the election management committee are the BJP's central observers — Sunil Bansal, Amit Malviya, Asha Lakra and Mangal Pandey — while others in the panel include former national president Dilip Ghosh, West Bengal unit head Sukanta Majumdar, former state president Rahul Sinha, Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari.

Maha sops: Shinde govt allocates ₹10L for each madrasa

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE BJP-led Maharashtra government has decided to modernize madrasas in the state by allocating Rs 10 lakh to each madrasa and introducing science and math as mandatory subjects. The government on Tuesday issued a resolution saying as per PM Modi, the modernization of madrasas was an important task. As a part of it, the state minority department has undertaken various programmes to modernize the education system in Islamic schools and provide them adequate grants as well.

As per the resolution, the state government under Dr Zakir Husain Madrasa modernization programme will provide funds to set up libraries, develop infrastructure, and pay salaries to the teachers of madrasas. The eligible madrasas will be able to avail of the benefits of the state government's grants and schemes.

"While seeking the state government funds, the madrasas need to be registered with the Wakf Board. The students studying in these madrasas will have to take admission in government schools. Apart from religious teaching, the madrasas will also need to engage the teachers to teach science and math," said the government resolution.

'Teachers to be hired'

These teachers will be hired on a contract basis and their salary will be paid by the state government, the GR said. There are 121 registered madrasas in the state. The BJP had earlier demanded their shutting down, but it changed its policy and decided to extend help to modernise religious teaching centres.

These teachers will be hired on a contract basis and their salary will be paid by the state government," the GR said. "In one building, only one madrasa will be allowed to run," it added. There are 121 registered madrasas in the state. The BJP had earlier demanded their shutting down, but it changed its policy and decided to extend all possible help to modernize the religious teaching centres.

Deputy CM Ajit Pawar was also in favour of giving 5% reservation to Muslims, though the BJP is against it. Sources said Ajit wants to continue with his secular and progressive agenda for his party followers including Muslims in large numbers. Earlier, Deepak Kesarkar, state minister for education, told the Assembly that there are 621 schools with madrasas across Maharashtra which are unauthorised and do not have the permissions from government.

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Lone BAP MLA demands separate Bhil Pradesh

One of the youngest members of the 16th Vidhan Sabha, law graduate-turned-Bhartiya Adivasi Party (BAP)'s lone MLA in Madhya Pradesh, 33-year-old Kamleshwar Dodiyar has demanded creation of a separate Bhil Pradesh out of Bhil tribe dominated areas of MP, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Son of a migrant labourer, Dodiyar, also demanded total ban on liquor in tribal areas of MP, in his maiden speech in the Vidhan Sabha recently. Formed in September 2023, the BAP has won three seats in Rajasthan and one seat in MP (Sailana-ST seat in MP) during the recent assembly elections.

BJP leader wears shoes 6 years after party win

Ramdas Puri, the ruling BJP's district president of Anuppur, who was barefoot from the last six years as a part of a vow to remain barefoot till BJP returned to power in MP on its own, finally stepped into his shoes, following the party's resounding assembly polls success. And doing the honours of helping Puri wear the shoes was former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Anuppur district of Vindhya region. Even after the BJP came back to power in March 2020 with the help of Jyotiraditya Scindia-loyalist MLAs, Puri continued to stay barefoot for over three years before the party returned to power.

Cong chief says internal sabotage for poll loss

While many senior Congress leaders are holding the EVM responsible for the party's shock defeat in the assembly polls in MP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, an organisational leader of the party from one of the Bundelkhand region districts, Mahaprasad Patel, has blamed sabotage by party's own ranks behind the MP assembly polls debacle. Patel, who is the district chief of the main opposition party in Chhatarpur, alleged that party leaders, who were denied tickets, worked for the defeat of Congress's official candidates. In a meeting, the Chhatarpur Congress leader's sentiments were echoed by leaders from some other districts too.

RBI receives bomb threat seeking FM's resignation, cops say not to worry

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ON Tuesday, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received a threatening email, claiming that 11 bombs had been planted at various locations in Mumbai. This threat coincided with the upcoming New Year celebrations in India's financial capital.

The email also demanded the resignations of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, alleging their involvement in the "biggest scam in India's history."

According to the email, the bombs were placed at different locations in Mumbai, including RBI offices, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank. The Mumbai Police received this bomb threat email at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, with a claim that the explosions would occur at 1:30 pm.

Following the bomb threat, the Mumbai Police registered an FIR based on the complaint of Sanjay Harishchandra Pawar, the head guard at RBI, at Mumbai's MRA Marg police station. The FIR was filed under IPC sections 505(1)(b), 505(2), and 506(2). The police also issued a statement: "RBI received a threatening email, stating that bombs would be planted in the RBI office, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank, and demanding the resignation of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Although 11 bomb threats were reported at various places in Mumbai, extensive police investigations found no evidence of explosives. A case has been registered, and the investigation is ongoing."

The email claimed, "We have planted 11 different bombs in various locations in Mumbai. The RBI, along with private sector banks, has executed the biggest scam in the history of India. The scam involves RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, top finance officials, and renowned Indian ministers. We have sufficient evidence to support our claims.

TALE OF 2 STATES: CM signals Cong's welfare schemes overhaul ■ Schemes during Raman Singh tenure to return

Raj govt scraps Gehlot's flagship scheme for youth

If the new government had an issue with the name, they could have changed it to Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Ashok Gehlot, Former CM

'Unfair to youth'

Ex-CM Ashok Gehlot criticised the decision as unjust to the youngsters who were benefiting from the internship.

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE new BJP government in Rajasthan has terminated the Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitra Internship Programme, a flagship initiative of the former Gehlot government.

Under this program, 5,000 young individuals were engaged in internships, receiving a monthly stipend of ₹10,000.

The initiative, launched in 2021, aimed to extend its reach by recruiting an additional 5,000 youngsters, as evident from ongoing advertisements. However, the newly established Bhajan Lal Government has abruptly issued an order, ending their services effective December 31.

Reacting strongly to this decision, the Congress party has characterised it as an assault on the future of the youth. Former CM Ashok Gehlot expressed deep displeasure over the government's decision, stating, "If the government has issues with the name Rajiv Gandhi, they could rename the program."

Gehlot further emphasised, "About 5 thousand youths included in the programme were working to take government schemes to every home. Now, their services are being terminated, which is not fair. If the new government had an issue with the name, they could have changed it to Atal Bihari Vajpayee." He criticised the decision as unjust to the youngster who were benefiting from the internship, suggesting that the government could have allowed them to earn a stipend at least.

C'garh will restore schemes withdrawn by Baghel govt

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHIEF Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hinted that the schemes launched during the earlier BJP government led by Raman Singh will start again in the near future. Sai, however, didn't elaborate on the number of schemes that will be relaunched and what will be the fate of the welfare programmes of the Bhupesh Baghel government.

The programmes scrapped by the previous Congress regime included Charan-Paduka scheme, Ayushman Yojana among others of the earlier Raman Singh government. Under the Charan Paduka scheme, the tenduleaves pluckers who are mostly tribals were provided foot-wears free of cost but it was phased-out.

Similarly, the Baghel government decided to withdraw the universal healthcare scheme of the Centre Ayushman Bharat or Modi-care programme and replaced it with Khoobchand Baghel Health Assistance Yojana in 2020.

Similarly, the BJP's earlier ambitious scheme multi-crore 'Sanchar Kranti Yojana' was also brought to an end by the Congress regime with an allegation that the smartphones given away under the scheme were pre-loaded with the Modi and the Raman apps while the government revenue were used to campaign for the party.

"We are contemplating to restart the popular welfare schemes of the Raman Singh government. And our government is committed to fulfil the Modi Ki Guarantee as promised in our poll manifesto", said the CM.

Gujarat rogue gallery: Home dept most corrupt, panchayat stands 2nd

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

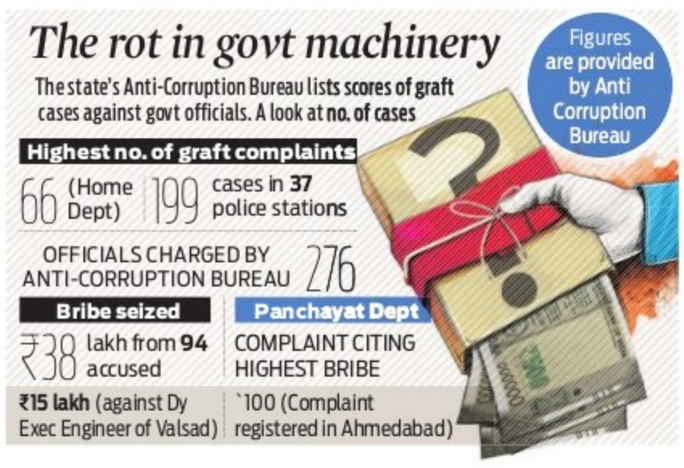
THE Gujarat Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has released figures on corruption in the state government machinery. The ACB data puts the state's home department on the top in corruption, while the panchayat department ranks second.

According to the ACB's one-year statistics, until December 20 this year, 199 cases of corruption were registered in 37 police stations in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara, Panchmahal, Surat Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Junagadh, and border areas, including 7 cases against Class-I government officials, 28 cases against Class-2 officials, 130 cases against class-3 officials, and 7 cases against Class-4 officials. Complaints of corruption have also been filed against 104 private individuals who work as middlemen. Thus, in a single year, the ACB has charged 276 people with corruption.

The details given by the ACB indicate the highest number of corruption complaints in Gujarat is at 66 against the Home Department. Among the cases, two involve Class-II government officials, 63 from Class-3, and 29 non-government individuals. Thus, in one year, ACB has booked 94 government and non-government persons associated with the Home Department and seized a bribe amount of over Rs 38 lakh.

The state's panchayat department ranks second in terms of corruption complaints, with 35 complaints being filed against various categories of department officials in 2023, including one belonging to Class-I officer, 16 Class-3 officials, and 29 non-government individuals. A bribe of ₹14,98,520 was confiscated by ACB.

In Gujarat, the Revenue Department ranks third in complaints for corruption. The ACB has also seized the bribe sum of over ₹15 lakh.


The rot in govt machinery
The state's Anti-Corruption Bureau lists scores of graft cases against govt officials. A look at no. of cases
Figures are provided by Anti Corruption Bureau
Highest no. of graft complaints
66 (Home Dept) | 199 cases in 37 police stations
OFFICIALS CHARGED BY ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU 276
Bribe seized
₹38 lakh from 94 accused
Panchayat Dept
COMPLAINT CITING HIGHEST BRIBE
₹15 lakh (against Dy Exec Engineer of Valsad)
`100 (Complaint registered in Ahmedabad)

'Engineering marvel can stay strong for 1K yrs'

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Ayodhya

AS the work on upcoming Ram temple continues to be in full swing, the finished temple would be an engineering marvel capable of withstanding the vagaries of climate and times for at least 1,000 years, said Girish Sahasbujhini, the project engineer of the upcoming Ram temple while talking to media persons at the site in Ayodhya on Tuesday.

Sharing details about the resilience of the upcoming structure, Sahasbujhini claimed that the temple would be strong enough to withstand damage or deterioration with an expected longevity from 1,000 to 2,500 years. He said that the complete structure in its full glory would be a beautiful blend of the architecture of North and South India. Planned to be equipped with all the modern-day facilities, the final structure will not be only the architectural wonder but every bit of it would be a story of this blend of rich cultural and spiritual oneness of India, said the chief project engineer.

"The main structure of the temple is being built following the Nagar style of architecture quintessential of north India while the rest of the smaller temples in the corner of the complex and the outer wall (parkota) of the temple complex will reflect the semblance to Dravidian stye of architecture blending both the styes of north and south beautifully," said Sahasbujhini.

Elaborating on the blend of regional diversity, he says , "The granite used in the plinth of the temple has been sourced from Karnataka and Telangana, the stone for superstructure has been brought from Rajasthan, the stone for flooring has been brought from Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Moreover, the craft men working day in and day out come from every nook and corner of the country," he says adding that those doing the iconography on the sand stones is being done by the artists from Odisha, woodwork is being done by the employees of an Andhra firm which has roped in the artists from Tamil Nadu to do wood carving, brassware has been sourced from Moradabad while the gold and teakwood to be used in the main structure has been sourced from Maharashtra, Gujarat has contributed in designing the temple as the man architect Chandrakant Sompura hails from Gujarat.

Talking about the challenges in the passage of construction, Sahasbujhini says that the biggest was the place itself. "One can economise the expenses on the construction by choosing the right place. Here Ram Lalla has chosen the place himself. We had to calibrate our own sense of engineering to match with his expectation," he says.

"Another challenge was to come up to the expectation of the devotees amid so much of publicity. So nothing shorter than the best had to be the order here," says the engineer.

He also discussed the engineering challenges including the soil quality which was very loose and the team of engineers had to go for the concrete fill replacing the sand present at the temple site.

Consecration of Lord Ram at the Ayodhya temple will be held on January 22 | PTI

FOUR
young children and their mother killed in their French home, the father is in custody

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	11	-1	SNY	Los Angeles	18	13	LC
Colombo	28	25	LC	Melbourne	20	10	HR
Dhaka	28	22	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	14	5	LC
Houston	14	14	SNY	Singapore	31	25	SNY
Istanbul	15	4	SNY	Toronto	7	3	LC
London	13	8	LC	Washington	14	2	SNY

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

Ukrainian strike hits Russian naval ship in Crimea

Kremlin Defence Ministry said the landing ship Novocherkassk was attacked at a base in Feodosia by plane-launched guided missiles

MOSCOW

A Russian naval ship in Crimea was damaged in an airstrike by Ukrainian forces, Russia's Defence Ministry announced on Tuesday.

The landing ship Novocherkassk was hit at a base in the city of Feodosia by plane-launched guided missiles, the ministry said, adding that two Ukrainian fighter jets were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire during the attack.

"The Russian fleet has become smaller," Ukrainian air force Cmdr. Mykola Oleschuk said in a mocking message on Telegram. He urged Russians to leave Crimea—"while it's not too late."

Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu briefed Russian President Vladimir Putin about the attack, according to Russian news agencies, but details of what he said weren't reported.

Shoigu, however, did tout Russian accomplishments in the war this year, saying "The main efforts in the outgoing year were focused on achieving the goals of the special military operation. The main one is to disrupt the counteroffensive of the Ukrainian armed forces, loudly announced by Ukraine and its NATO allies. This task has been successfully completed."

Smoke rising above a damaged warship following a Ukrainian attack in the port of Feodosiya, Russian-controlled Crimea on Tuesday | AFP

The Russian ministry didn't specify the extent to which the Russian ship was damaged, but videos circulating on Ukrainian channels showed a large fire in the port area.

Ukrainian authorities claimed the ship was destroyed and said it was likely carrying an ammunitions shipment, possibly including drones.

"We saw how powerful were the blast and detonation. It's extremely difficult for a ship to survive something like that," Ukrainian air force spokesperson Yurii Ihnat said on *Radio Liberty*.

Ihnat denied that Ukrainian planes were shot down in the attack.

Landing ships such as the Novocherkassk "are now used by the enemy almost constantly as logistics facilities, as transportation of important cargo," the spokesperson for Ukraine's military southern command, Nataliya Gumenyuk, was quoted as saying by the *UNIAN* news agency.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian air force's on Tuesday morning update said that Russia launched 19 drones, mostly against the Odesa as well as Mykolaiv regions—13 of which were shot down—over the past night. *AP*

U-TURN

Turkey's panel okays Sweden's NATO bid

ANKARA

THE Turkish parliament's foreign affairs committee gave its consent to Sweden's bid to join NATO on Tuesday, drawing the previously nonaligned Nordic country closer to membership in the alliance.

Sweden's accession protocol will now need to be approved in the Turkish parliament's general assembly for the last stage of the legislative process in Turkey. No date has been set.

Turkey, a NATO member, has delayed ratification of Sweden's membership for over a year, accusing the country of being lenient toward groups that Ankara regards as threats to its security, including Kurdish militants and members of a network that Ankara blames for a failed coup in 2016. Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billström welcomed the committee's decision on a message posted on X.

"The next step is for parliament to vote on the matter. We look forward to becoming a member of NATO," he tweeted. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg welcomed the development, saying that he counts on Turkey and Hungary "to now complete their ratifications as soon as possible. Sweden's membership will make NATO stronger." *AP*

NAVALNY COMES UP WITH DARK HUMOUR, CALLS HIMSELF SANTA

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN opposition leader Alexei Navalny on Tuesday released a sardonic statement about his transfer to a Arctic prison colony nicknamed the "Polar Wolf," his first appearance since associates lost contact with him three weeks ago.

Navalny is serving a 19-year sentence on an extremism conviction. On Monday, he had been traced to a prison colony infamous for severe conditions in the Yamalo-Nenets region, about 1,900 kilometres northeast of Moscow.

"I am your new Santa Claus," Navalny said in a tweet, referring to his location above the Arctic Circle in the prison in the town of Kharp.

The region is notorious for long and severe winters.

Navalny, who is noted for sharply humorous comments, said he was in a good mood after being transported to the new prison, but suggested the northern winter darkness is discouraging: "I don't say 'Ho-ho-ho,' but I do say 'Oh-oh-oh' when I look out of the window, where I can see night, then the evening, and then the night again." Prisoner transfers in Russia often result in contact with inmates being lost for weeks. Navalny's supporters contend the transfer was arranged to keep Navalny out of sight amid Putin's announcement that he will run for another term as president in the March election.

Navalny has been behind bars in Russia since January 2021, when he returned to Moscow after recuperating in Germany from nerve agent poisoning that he blamed on the Kremlin. Before his arrest, he campaigned against official corruption and organised major anti-Kremlin protests. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

Railway firm records 42% rise in riders

Indonesia's state-run railway firm PT KAI has recorded a 42% increase in passengers during this year's Christmas holiday period as compared to the last year. From December 22 to 25, 2023, the number of train passengers—local and long-distance trains—was recorded at 8,54,974. During the same period of last year, the figure totaled 6,00,797, *Antara* reported. Joni Martinus, Vice president of public relations at PT KAI said that one of the reasons behind increase in number of passengers is the improvement in the Covid-19 situation as compared to last year

Record vessel arrival tonnage

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore on Tuesday said it registered a record volume of vessels at its terminals in 2023. The annual vessel arrival tonnage—a measure of traffic of vessels—at the Port of Singapore for 2023 hit just over 3 billion GT (gross tonnage) in 2023 on Monday, up from 2.83 billion GT in 2022, *CNA* reported

US strikes 3 sites used by pro-Iran forces in Iraq

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden ordered the United States military to carry out retaliatory airstrikes against Iranian-backed militia groups after three US service members were injured in a drone attack in northern Iraq.

The US strikes were carried out around 4.45 am on Tuesday in Iraq, less than 13 hours after the US personnel were attacked.

According to US Central Command, the retaliatory strikes on the three sites "destroyed the targeted facilities and likely killed a number of Kataib Hezbollah militants."

National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson said one of the United States troops suffered critical injuries in the attack that occurred earlier Monday. The Iranian-backed militia Kataib Hezbollah and affiliated groups, claimed credit for the attack that utilised a one-way attack drone.

Iraqi officials said US strikes targeting militia sites early Tuesday killed one militant and injured 18. They came at a time of heightened fears of a regional spillover of the Israel-Hamas war.

Iran announced on Monday that an Israeli strike on the outskirts of the Syrian capital of Damascus killed one of its top generals, Razi Mousavi, who had been a close companion of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the former head of Iran's elite Quds Force. Soleimani was slain in a US drone strike in Iraq in 2020.

Biden, who was spending Christmas at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, was alerted about the attack by White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan shortly after it occurred Monday. *AP*

IAEA report says Iran has stepped up 60% uranium enrichment rate

VIENNA

IRAN has resumed enriching uranium at a similar rate as at the start of the year, the IAEA said on Tuesday.

Iran has "increased its production of highly enriched uranium, reversing a previous output reduction from mid-2023," the International Atomic Energy Agency said.

Iran has increased its production of 60% enriched uranium to a rate of about 9 kilogrammes a month since the end of November. That's up from about 3 kilogrammes a month since June, and a return to the 9 kilogrammes a month it was producing during the first half of 2023, IAEA said.

"On 19 and 24 December, IAEA inspectors verified the rate of production of uranium enriched to this level at the two facilities where Iran is carrying out these activities—the Natanz Pilot Fuel Enrichment Plant and the Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant," it said.

Nuclear weapons require uranium enriched to 90%, while 3.67% is enough for nuclear power stations.

In November, it held 567.1 kilogrammes of uranium enriched at 20% and 128.3 kilogrammes at 60%, three times what would be needed to build an atomic bomb if enriched to 90%. Iran appeared to have slowed its enrichment as a gesture while informal talks for a nuclear treaty had resumed with the United States.

In November, a confidential IAEA report seen by *AFP* indicated that Iran's enriched uranium stocks were 22 times the limits authorised in 2015 accord limiting Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for lifting sanctions. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Imran's party get its symbol 'bat' BACK AFTER COURT ORDER

PESHAWAR: Jailed ex-PM Imran Khan's party partially won a legal battle when the Peshawar HC on Tuesday suspended an order of the election commission to deprive Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of its electoral symbol of a cricket 'bat'. The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) last week in a verdict rejected the intra-party polls of Imran's party and also stopped it from using 'bat' as the party's electoral symbol. The party had challenged the verdict in the Peshawar High Court where after a detailed hearing, Justice Kamran Hayat Miankhel suspended the ECP ruling until the final adjudication of the petition. "It is the victory of justice and we hope that in the final decision, the court would permanently revoke the ECP ruling," said Gohar Ali Khan, PTI chairman. During the hearing, PTI counsel Barrister Ali Zafar highlighted that when a party provides its intra-party poll details to the ECP, the commission typically issues a certificate and posts it on its website.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 1st ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C. Misc. No.251/2023

PETITIONER: 1. Sri. Blavenkatappa, S/o late Venkatappa, R/at Doddabele village, Doddabele Post, Thymagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. -V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Thasildar (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Nelamangala Taluk,

NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner Mother by name KRISHNAMMA W/o late Venkatappa who died on 05.08.2003 at Doddabele village, Thymagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore rural District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **30-12-2023** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 AM Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 21-12-2023

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of Civil Judge Junior Dvn and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri Guruprasad .R**
Dadapeer Layout, Sondekoppa Road,
Nelamangala Town, Bangalore Rural District

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public/whomsoever it may concern that my client **SRI JIHVESWARA VIDYABHIVRUDHI TRUST (R).** No.14, Devanga Hostel Road, 20th Cross, Sampangiram Nagar, Bengaluru 560 027, intend to purchase the schedule property belonging to SMT. LEELAVATHI SARODE KRISHNAMURTHY, W/o. late Krishnamurthy, she represents that she is the absolute owner and having clear and marketable title to the schedule property. Any person/s claiming any interest on the under mentioned schedule property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my office mentioned below within **15 days** from the date of publication, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objections subsist and thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with owner referred above.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Old No.1, New No.16, and Present No. 16/7, entire 2nd and 3rd Floors, Mission Road, P. Kalinga Rao Road, Sampangiramanagar, Bangalore-560 027, BBMP PID No.77-1-16/7, measuring East to West 43.6 feet and North to South 19.6 feet in all measuring 1600 sq.ft., with undivided share in land and bounded on the: **East by:** 1st Cross Mission Road, **West by:** Private Property owned by Aiyappa, **North by:** Smt. Chinnamma's property and **South by:** Mission Road.

Advocate Address:
SHYAM & SHAM ASSOCIATES
N. SHAMSUNDER KAMBLE, Advocate
No.34, Huriopet, Lakshman Rao Road, Rangaswamy Temple Street Cross, Bangalore-560 053.
Mobile No: 9845988245

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE
M.C. No. 469 / 2023
BETWEEN: Sunanda ...Petitioner
AND: C. Mathiyalagan ...Respondent
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To: **C. Mathiyalagan,** S/o Chennappan, Aged about 54 years, Residing at Chennakuppam Village, Post office Road, Gudiyattam Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu - 631 001.

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed the above petition under section 13 (1) (i-a) of the Hindu Marriage Act against the respondent for the Divorce and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before Principal Family Court, Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your appear appearance **On the 29th day January 2024 at 11.00 A.M.** The petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on this 2nd day of December 2023.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner:
RAJESH, Advocate
No. 156/A, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Karnataka State.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri K. Balakrishna,** Son of late Munirathnam, Aged about 57 years, Resident of No. 005, Ground Floor, B Block, ECONANA Apartments, Next to Mamatha School, Manjunatha Layout, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru: 560032,has entered into an Agreement of Sale dated 16th December 2023 with Smt. Bhaghyamma, Wife of C.A Chikkanna, Aged about 44 years, Resident of No. 237, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Jakkur Post, Bengaluru-560 064 to purchase immovable property New Khatha No. Site bearing No. 193, old Khatha No.1247/193, now 1247/25/193, PID No.455/25/1247/193 situated at 17th Cross, 2nd Main, Agrahara Lay out, Bengaluru: 560064, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet.

Any persons having any right, title or interest or any objection over the said sale transaction in respect of the schedule property shall furnish in writing with documents their claims to the undersigned Counsel within **15 days** from the date of this notice failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property Site bearing No. 193, old Khatha No.1247/193, now New Khatha No. 1247/25/193, PID No.455/25/1247/193 situated at 17th Cross, 2nd Main, Agrahara Layout, Bengaluru: 560064, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the East by: Site No.186, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 192, **South by:** Site No.194

SRI. SIDDAYYA .P, Advocate
No.20, 1st floor, 5th Main, 5th Cross, above HDFC Bank, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru-560 009.
Mob:9880553939,
E-mail: siddupshetter@gmail.com.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

It is notified for the information that Original Documents of Sy. # 837 of Uddanapalli Village, Shoolagiri Taluk, TamilNadu bearing Document Number 1025/1984 registered at Rayakottai Sub- Registration Office, Tamil Nadu has been lost. FIR Lost Report No. 0862621/2023 has been filed with jurisdictional police. If any person finds the aforesaid document, then please hand over to the owner.

Name: Sri. Tejesvi Naveen
Phone No. : 8722231234

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GOURANGO BALA. S/o, JAGADISH CHANDRA BALA, No.605/1,2, 4th Floor, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Billekahalli, Bangalore -560076. have changed my name to **GOURANGA BALA** vide Affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn before advocate and notary public C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 329/2023
BETWEEN: Arshiya Banu ... PLAINTIFF
AND: Fairoz Pasha ... DEFENDANT
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To, **Fairoz Pasha,** S/o Amir Jan, aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 103, 32st "B" cross, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 041

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed the above petition under VII Rule 1 and 2 and also petition under section 2 (VIII) (a) (f) (ix) of the Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act 1939 against the Defendant for the Annulment of marriage of the marriage and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before II additional family court, Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your appear appearance on the **03/02/2024** at **11:00 A.M.** The petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex- parte.

Issued under my hand and seal of the court on this 18/12/2023

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner
HASSAN PASHA .M.F
No. 1351, 32nd 'E' Cross, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **SRI RAVINDRA .T** Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within **15 days** hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing No.444, Municipal No.28, PID No.58-100-28, situated at 44th Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore, admeasuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 50 feet, together with residential structure thereon comprising of Ground and First Floors, within the revenue limits of BBMP, Bangalore and property is bounded on:

East by : Site No.445,
West by : I Main Road,
North by : 44th Cross Road,
South by : Site No.483.

H.K. GIRISH, Advocate
M & G ASSOCIATES
73, 27th Cross, 11th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070.
Phone - 080-26632343,
+91 88867044666

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase property described Schedule hereunder, for valid sale consideration from its present owner Sri. Jayaramu and others, on assurance that, they have not encumbered the Schedule Property in any way in favour of anybody, on perusal of records there is an entry about partition deed but the vendors claiming that, the same is oral partition, therefore it is hereby called upon interested person/s if anybody is having any interest based on the partition deed or having any objections, lawful claim, interest, dispute in respect of schedule property or about intended sale transaction, may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven (**7**) **days** from the date of this publication, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of property bearing Survey No.56/7, old Sy.No.56/1, measuring 18 Guntas situated at Hosuru Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, bounded on: **East by:** Ramesh Reddy's Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Ramesh Reddy's Property, **South by:** Kumar's Property

H.R. SHRIDHARA MURTHY,
C.B. KOMALKUMAR, Advocates,
No.8/309-310, 1st Floor, Prabhath Complex, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Mobile:-8711004354,
Office: 080-41488901

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to Purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from, **Smt. V. SARASWATHI,** wife of Late K. Varadarajan and her children who claimed to be the absolute owners in possession of Schedule property. If any persons has any claim, right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any objection to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supporting documents **within 15 days** from this day, to the undersigned. If no such claims are received within the above said period my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating as there is no claim whatsoever to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural dry Lands measuring 1 Acre 19 guntas in SY No.59/3 situated at Singrahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist and bounded on: **East by:** Land in Sy No.59/2 belongs to Purchaser, **West by:** Land belongs to Sri Manjunath, **North by:** Land belongs to Venkateshappa and Eeranna, **South by:** Road and Land belongs to Sonappa,

SATHYANARAYANA .G, Advocate
No.84, 8th Main, 9th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080.
Ph: 9343080908. Dt:27.12.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our clients, **Sri. JITENDER AGARWAL** intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Sri. MOHIT D SAI, Sri PRANAV D.SAI, Sri. K. SATHYANARAYANA and Smt. K. SHARADAMMA.** Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title, interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portion of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim within **15 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property.

: SCHEDULE PROPERTY :

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Municipal No.31/1, Previously South Portion of Property bearing Municipal No. 31, Old Property No.2885/18,19 of V.P. Khatha No.2842, formed in Assessment No. 46, situated at **Nagarabhavi Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** presently comes under BBMP Old Ward No.38, New Ward No.127, Municipal No.31/1, Khatha P.I.D. No.38-73-31/1, 8th Main Road, Byraveshwara Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore And measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South : 25 Ft, in all measuring 1000 Sq.ft and bounded on the **East by : Others Property, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by: Remaining Portion of Same Old Property No.31 and thereafter others property. South by : 30 Feet Road.**

R.Suresh, Advocate
No.66, 4th Cross, Park Road, Saraswathi Nagar, Vijayanagar
Bangalore-560040, M : 9845533578
Email : suresha666@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that my client **Sri. VIGNESHWARAN .C,** S/o K. Chandrashekar is intending to purchase the schedule property from its Owner Sri. SRINIVASAN KANNAN, S/o D. Kannan residing at No.56/1, 2nd Cross, Near Gayathri School, Ayappaswamy Temple Road, Vijinapura, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore-560016. Any person having any right claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property in any manner or anyone who has got any objection to this sale Transaction must notified the under signed with supporting documents within 10 days of this publication. Failing which it shall be presumed that no person has any manner of objection or any right claim or interest in the schedule property and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property presuming that the below schedule property is free from all claims and encumbrances

SCHEDULE -A

All that piece and parcel of the property converted land measuring Three Acres Thirty Three Guntas in land bearing No. 19/3, land measuring Three Acres Fourteen Guntas in land bearing Sy. No.25/1, land measuring Six Guntas in land bearing Sy. No. 25/6 (Old Sy. No. 25/2) and land measuring Two Guntas in land bearing Sy. No. 19/2, land measuring 1 acre 9.08 Guntas Sy. No. 39/1 all Situated at Cikkanahalli-Kammanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal, in all measuring 7 acres 15 Guntas.

SCHEDULE -B

All that part and parcel of the Site bearing No. 233 bearing Katha No.1786, formed in the above schedule "A" Property measuring East to West 40 feet and North to south 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** BMRD Approved Layout, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site bearing NO.232, **South by:** Site bearing No. 234

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This is informed to the general public that, my Client by name **M. SUNITHA** W/o Late Srinivasa Reddy D.M, aged about 45 years, residing at #1012 1ST Cross, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka Bengaluru 560064. Aadhaar No. 424025386178, has lost Original registered Sale Deed executed by Karnataka housing Board In favour of C.M Ramachandra dated 2-07-1992, registered as Document No. 1490 of 1992-93,of Book-1,Volume No.255, pages 163-166 registered on 14-07-1992, and Original registered Sale Deed dated 21-03-2005 executed by C.M Ramachandra IN favor of Nandishwara reddy and Geetha Nandish registered as Document No. 26407-2004-05, in Book NO.1, C.D.NO.YAND 120, and un registered original GPA Executed by C.M Ramachandra In favor OF Sanjay Venkatesh, document lost on 10-12-2023 while taking photocopy of originals at yelahanka bus stop. If anyone found, or if anyone have any climes over the property, kindly file their objections to the below mentioned address within **7 days**.

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e-Tender Ref.No:80/2023-24, Appointment of contractor for Packing and Loading of Cement at 0.5 MTPA Plant at Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur District, T.N.
Est. Value: **Rs.3.83 Crore per annum, EMD- Rs.3,00,000/-**
Submission of tender: Upto 3.00 P.M. on 29.01.2024
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Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects),
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It is hereby notified that, our client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI.B.Y.PERUMAIAH** S/o Sri.Yellappa, residing at No.269, 3rd Main, Mini Forest, J P Nagar, 3rd Phase, Bengaluru-560078. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant **BDA Site bearing No.884, PID No.3320070017,** measuring East to West 15.00 Mtrs and North to South 24.00 Mtrs, in all measuring 360.00 Sq.Mtrs, in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), situated at **Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block, Bengaluru** and bounded as follows:

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North by : Road
South by : Site bearing No.887 & 888

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
229.84 ▲	Sensex	71,336.80	₹220 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹63,860	₹300 ▲	1 kg	₹79,500	▼	Dollar	83.14
91.95 ▲	Nifty	21,441.35	₹200 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹58,550	₹3 ▲	10 gm	₹795	▲	Euro	91.62

CAD falls to 1% of GDP in Q2FY24

Improvement mainly on account of fall in merchandise trade deficit, services export growth

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

India's current account deficit (CAD) recorded a significant decline to 1% of the gross domestic product (GDP) or $8.3 billion during July-September as against 3.8% of GDP or $30.9 billion in the same period of previous year, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday.

This improvement was primarily attributed to a reduction in the merchandise trade deficit and a growth in services exports.

CAD is an important economic indicator that measures gap between imports and exports of goods and services. It provides insights into trade imbalances, foreign investment reliance, currency depreciation risks, economic stability, and policy implications. Monitoring CAD helps policymakers make informed decisions on public finace.

In the first quarter (April-June) of 2023-24, deficit stood at $9.2 billion, equivalent to 1.1% of GDP. RBI data on developments in India's Balance of Payments for the second quarter of 2023-24 revealed that the lower current account deficit was mainly driven by a fall in merchandise trade deficit from $78.3 billion to $61.0 billion on a year-on-year basis. Additionally, services exports demonstrated a 4.2% year-on-year (YoY) growth, bolstered by the increasing exports of software, business, and travel services.

We now foresee the financial year 2023-24 current account deficit (CAD) in a range of 1.5-1.6% of gross domestic product (GDP), unless commodity prices chart a sharp rebound

Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ICRA

It also noted that net services receipts saw sequential and YoY rise. In terms of economic growth, GDP grew 7.6% during Q2FY24, positioning it as the world's fastest-growing major economy. Government spending rose by 12.4% year-on-year in the September quarter, compared to a contraction of 0.7% in the previous quarter.

However, private consumption growth unexpectedly slowed to 3.1% year-on-year from 6%. The country's balance of payments showed a small surplus of $2.5 billion in the September quarter, a notable improvement from the $30.4 billion deficit recorded a year ago. However, the surplus did decline significantly on a sequential basis from $24.4 billion in the June quarter.

In November, India's merchandise trade deficit narrowed considerably to $20.58 billion compared to the previous month's record levels of $31.46 billion owing to moderated imports of gold, petroleum, and electronic goods.

"We now foresee the FY24 CAD in a range of 1.5-1.6% of GDP, unless commodity prices chart a sharp rebound," according to Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA.

Rupee overcomes macro turmoil, remains stable in '23

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian currency in 2023 put up a strong performance despite falling to its lowest level of 83.395 (closing level) against the US dollar.

Rupee has fallen only 0.65% against the US dollar in 2023 (till Dec 26), against the 10.25% value it lost in 2022. Rupee on Tuesday fell 3 paise to settle at 83.19 against the greenback.

The local currency was supported by a number of factors including shrinking trade deficit, lower-than-expected current account deficit and strong foreign portfolio investment (FPI) inflows in equity and debt, especially, in the second half of the year. Many macroeconomic factors turned positive for the Indian economy, and that led to inflow of funds from overseas investors.

The domestic currency had declined from 74 levels in January 2022 to 82.78 by December 31, 2022. The 10% decline against the US dollar had forced many experts to touch the level of 85 a dollar in 2023. However, rupee helped by conditions mentioned earlier, as well persistent weakening of dollar on account of the market expectation of Fed eral Reserve rate cut.

But the big support for the rupee also came from the the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as and when required.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had admitted that in public. In an interaction in Marrakech, Morocco, earlier this year, Das said: "...we were intervening in the market... we do intervene in the market, but our intervention is both ways. Sometimes, we buy dollars, sometimes we sell dollars, it depends on which way the market is moving."

The IMF in its latest report said during December 2022-October 2023, the Rupee-US Dollar exchange rate moved within a very narrow range, suggesting that the central bank's interventions likely exceeded levels necessary to address disorderly market conditions.

Forex experts now expect USD-INR to trade with an appreciation bias. Gaura Sen Gupta, economist, IDFC First Bank, expects rupee to trade in the 80 to 82 range supported by rising interest rate differentials and India's inclusion into in the JPM EM bond index.

Shrinking trade deficit, FPI inflows support rupee

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ASIANOMICS

SINGAPORE

NOVEMBER CORE INFLATION SLOWS TO 3.2%

Key consumer price gauge of Singapore slowed to 3.2% in November, in line with expectations, official data showed on Tuesday. The country's headline inflation declined to 3.6%. The Monetary Authority of Singapore and the trade ministry, in a joint statement, said headline and core inflation were projected to average 3.0 - 4.0% and 2.5 - 3.5%, respectively, in 2024. Core inflation, which excludes private road transport and accommodation costs, declined from 3.3% in October. The headline inflation fell from 4.7% in October, and was lower in November. The central bank is set to review monetary policy settings next month after it changed the frequency of policy reviews from a semi-annual to a quarterly schedule. The manufacturing data, released on Tuesday, showed that output rose 1.0% in November on a year-on-year basis. The inflation pressure fell on account of decline in the price of commodities.

THAILAND

TO RAISE MINIMUM WAGE FROM JANUARY: PM

Thailand Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin on Tuesday said the government will increase the minimum wage in January, confirming a previous deal. The government is reportedly planning to raise wage further in March. A wage committee, comprised of government, employers and employee representatives, had previously agreed to raise the daily minimum wage by 2.37%, effective in January. Srettha earlier said that the hike was too low. Ruling Pheu Thai party campaigned on populist platform with a key plank of raising daily minimum wage to 400 baht. The current minimum wage is 328-354 Thai baht ($9.49 - $10.24) varying between different parts of the country with the committee agreeing to raise the pay threshold range to 330 baht to 370 baht. Labour Minister Phipat Ratchakitprakarn told reporters that the government will increase the wage rate yet again in March.

PHILIPPINES

EXTENDS TARIFF CUT ON RICE IMPORT TO FIGHT INFLATION

The Philippines has extended the reduced tariffs on rice and other food items until the end of 2024 to keep prices stable amid a threat of dry weather in the coming months. According to a statement from his office on Tuesday Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has approved the extension of reduced tariffs on rice and other food items until the end of 2024. The modified rates first approved in 2021 had already been extended this year because of high inflation, and Marcos said another extension was needed until the end of next year. Inflation stood at 4.1% in November, easing for a second month in a row. Inflation has averaged 6.2% during the first 11 months of 2023, outside the Philippine central bank's 2% to 4% target for the year. The extension of the modified tariffs, Marcos said, is aimed at ensuring affordable prices of rice, corn and meat products with the looming effects of the El Nino dry weather phenomenon early next year and the continued threat of African Swine Fever.

Deepfake: Social media platforms asked to comply with IT rules

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AMID growing cases ofdeepfakes in the country, the government on Tuesday issued an advisory to all social media intermediaries such as Meta, X (formerly Twitter) to comply with the existing IT rules in the country.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in a press note, said the directive specifically targets the growing concerns around misinformation powered by AI – Deepfakes.

"A formal advisory has been issued incorporating the 'agreed to' procedures to ensure that users on these platforms do not violate the prohibited content in Rule 3(1)(b). If such legal violations of the IT rules are noted or reported then the consequences under law will follow," said Rajeev Chandrasekhar, minister of States Electronic and Information Technology.

Over a period of one month, the government has met with the social media giants to address the deepfakes issue. During the meeting, Chandrasekhar highlighted the urgency for all platforms and intermediaries to strictly adhere to the current laws and regulations, emphasising that the IT rules address the menace of deepfakes.

No end to old vs new pension debate in 2023

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

AS the year draws to a close, the National Pension System (NPS) has been a central topic of discussion and debate in the country.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's establishment of a high-level committee aimed at addressing the issues surrounding the existing pension system launched in 2004 has kept the political pot boiling throughout the year. Amidst the ongoing discussions, the Finance Ministry will likely announce plans to introduce changes to the NPS for government employees before the year concludes.

Reports suggest that the proposed scheme would be modeled around the Andhra Pradesh pension system, guaranteeing a pension based on 40-50% of the employee's last drawn basic salary. This new pension system would be market-linked, with the government stepping in to fill any shortfall in the pension corpus. While employees will continue to contribute as before, the government's contribution is expected to increase.

The panel, led by the finance secretary T V Somanathan, is working on modalities of the scheme. The Andhra Pradesh model, which ensures pensioners receive 50% of their last drawn basic salary along with inflation-linked dearness allowance (DA), seems to have influenced the proposed changes.

As of March 31, 2023, state and central government employees accounted for 79% of the Rs 9 lakh crore asset under management of the NPS, according to data from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). The NPS boasted a total of 6.3 crore subscribers, with 60.72 lakh subscribers from state government employees and 23.86 lakh from central government employees.

However, the contemplated reforms have faced political pressures, with BJP-ruled states pushing for amendments to the NPS to introduce a scheme similar to the old pension system, appealing to voters ahead of elections. Certain non-BJP-ruled states, such as Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, and Jharkhand, have already reverted to the old pension system, which places a higher burden on states to fund employee pensions.

The ongoing discussions have also sparked broader debates on the sustainability of the old pension system. Sanjiv Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, pointed out that demographic shifts and declining birth rates pose challenges to sustaining the old scheme.

Promoter to invest ₹9,350 crore in Adani Green via issuance of warrants

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE board of Adani Green Energy (AGEL) has approved the issuance of warrants worth ₹9,350 crore on a preferential basis to the promoter.

The company, in an exchange filing, said the funds will be used to deleverage its balance sheet, and accelerate growth capex to achieve its 45 GW capacity target by 2030. The warrants will be issued to the promoter group at a price of ₹1,480.75 per warrant.

"AGEL is now fully equipped to achieve its stated target of 45 GW by 2030, with 20.6 GW locked in capacity, secured land of over 2,00,000 acres (equivalent to over 40 GW of additional capacity) in resource rich areas of India and additional equity infusion of ₹9,350 crore, which fully funds this stated target," said the company.

Earlier, the company announced a $1.36 billion construction facility (by 8 leading international banks) for construction of 2,167 MW solar power projects in Khavda, Gujarat, the largest solar park in India. In addition, AGEL has announced $1.425 billion of equity capital ($1.125 billion from preferential issuance by promoters and $300 million from TotalEnergies JV), which translates to a capital raise of $3 billion. This demonstrates the deep interest by long-term investors, strategic partners, financial institutions, banks coupled with continued promoter commitment, to enable AGEL's target of adding 45 GW of renewable capacity in India by 2030.

"India is on the cusp of becoming a global leader in renewable energy and Adani Green Energy is in the vanguard of this revolution," said Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group.

EXPRESS READ

Aditya Birla Cap to infuse ₹850 cr in NBFC arm

CHENNAI: Aditya Birla Capital has invested ₹849.99 crore in Aditya Birla Finance (ABFL) and ₹50 crore in Aditya Birla Capital Digital (ABCDL), both on rights basis. With the investments, there is no change in percentage shareholding of Aditya Birla Capital and both ABCDL and ABFL continue to be wholly owned subsidiaries. *ENS*

I-T advisory to taxpayers over mismatch in ITR

NEW DELHI: The Income Tax department on Tuesday said it has sent communication in the form of advisory to certain taxpayers where there is an apparent mismatch between disclosures in the ITR and information as received from the reporting entity. It said such communication is to facilitate taxpayers. *PTI*

JSW Renew starts commissioning 810 MW wind project in Tamil Nadu

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

JSW Renew Energy Limited has started phase-wise commissioning of 810 megawatt (MW) wind power projects in Tamil Nadu, beginning with the first phase of 51 MW.

The 810 MW project, the first greenfield wind project, bagged by the company, was awarded by the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), in tranche IX. With this, the total current installed capacity becomes 6,822 MW and under-construction capacity stands at 2,969 MW, which is likely to be commissioned in phases over the next 12 months, the company said in exchange filings.

JSW Renew Energy is a wholly-owned step-down subsidiary of JSW Energy Limited. The company's share prices jumped from ₹409.55 to ₹415.40 at the end of Tuesday's trade.

Prashant Jain, joint managing director and chief executive officer of JSW Energy, said the company is well placed to achieve targeted 10 GW generation capacity by the end of calendar year 2024. "The company has set a target to reach 20 GW generation capacity and 40 GWh (gigawatt hour) of energy storage capacity by 2030."

TNCPL to build ferrosilicon plant, files DRHP with NSE

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

METALLURGICAL coke producer Tamilnadu Coke and Power (TNCPL) has filed Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the NSE Emerge.

The offering comprises a fresh issuance of 64.14 lakh shares with a face value of ₹10. It plans to use the proceeds from the issue to build a new ferrosilicon manufacturing unit at an outlay of ₹39.60 crore. Ferrosilicon is mainly used in production of stainless steel and carbon. The plant will have a capacity of 8,000 tonnes per annum (TPA). It plans to use ₹8.63 crore to set up a solar power plant with a capacity of 1581 KWP and ₹5 crore for acquiring land adjacent to the existing plant.

TNCPL operates a low ash metallurgical coke oven plant in Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu with a capacity of 1,20,000 TPA. It owns a power generation unit with an installed capacity of 10 MW and sells power to consumers through the Indian Energy Exchange.

Motisons IPO shines; Muthoot, Suraj issues flop

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ON a busy day for new stocks entering the domestic bourses, two IPOs whose issues were fully subscribed were listed at a discount while one doubled investors' money as soon as it hit the exchanges.

Shares of Motisons Jewellers got listed at ₹109 on the NSE, a premium of 98% over its issue price of ₹55 apiece but Muthoot Microfin and Suraj Estate Developers stocks entered bourses at a discount of 5-6% each.

Motisons shares closed at ₹103.55 apiece, giving a return of 88.27% on the listing day. The strong listing was on the expected line given that the ₹151-crore IPO was subscribed by a whopping 159.61 times last week. Run by the Jaipur-based Chhabra family, Motisons has seen robust revenue and profit growth in the past few years. However, there is some risk associated with the stock given the names of promoters, Sanjay Chhabra and Sandeep Chhabra, have appeared in investigations related to betting in IPL cricket matches.

Suman Bannerjee, CIO, Hedonova, a US-based hedge fund, said Motisons Jewellers, though launching at a 98% premium, seems to warrant caution given its challenges such as underperformance and dependence on third-party suppliers.

Suraj Estate Developers' shares opened at ₹340 apiece on the NSE, a 5.55% decline from the issue price of ₹360. The scrip fell further and closed its first day at ₹334.50. Shares of Muthoot Pappachan Group-backed Muthoot Microfin (MML) debuted at ₹275.30 on the NSE, 5.40% lower than the offer price of ₹291. The stock fell further to close at ₹266.15.

Tepid listing of these two firms came despite their respective IPOs received a decent response amid ongoing bull run in the market. The ₹400 crore IPO of Suraj Estate was subscribed 16.57 times while the ₹960 crore IPO of MML was booked 11.52 times at close.

Bannerjee said Suraj Estate presents a viable hold opportunity for medium to long-term investors, backed by steady growth and its niche in regulation 33(7) of DCPR while MML appears to be a solid choice for longer-term investments, with its focused approach on rural microfinance, efficient management of NPAs, and fair valuation.

NEW LISTINGS

Bumper Listing of Motisons Jewellers

- Lists at 98% premium

Two IPOs disappoint

- Suraj Estate lists at 5.55% discount
- Muthoot Microfin lists at 5.40% discount

3 Afghan players' IPL participation in doubt

Kabul: Afghanistan Cricket Board is unlikely to offer No Objection Certificates to Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Naveen Ul Haq and Fazalhaq Farooqi for the next two years, putting their participation in the IPL 2024 season in doubt. According to a release issued by the ACB, the board has decided to delay the annual contracts for year 2024 for these players having formed a "dedicated committee to thoroughly investigate the matter", after they expressed a desire to be released from their central contracts from January 1.

While India might not have an ICC trophy to show in 2023, both the men and women's teams had a year to remember. **Gomesh S** looks at the highs, lows and what lies ahead for Indian cricket...

GOOD YEAR WITH FINAL TWISTS

ON the evening of October 7, less than 24 hours for India's first match of the 2023 Men's ODI World Cup against Australia, Rohit Sharma was at the ground floor press conference room of the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai. As with every media interaction that involves Rohit, that one, too, was candid and interesting. However, it had its share of intense moments. When asked about his quest to win an ODI WC, the one white-ball trophy Rohit has not won as a cricketer, things got real. The Indian captain's desire to win was unmistakable as he spoke about the "desperation" to get his hands on the trophy, while trying to be pragmatic as he kept talking. And as he often does, Rohit ended the answer with "but yeah, it will be nice to win a World Cup," making most people in the room smile. It was the kind of 'but' phrase that one uses at the end of a vulnerable conversation with a friend just to ease out the mood.

Over the next 42 days, Rohit and his teammates seemed invincible to an extent where comparisons were made to the Chicago Bulls' last dance in the 1997-98 NBA season. The planning, the change of guard — Rohit as captain and Rahul Dravid as head coach — that was made in the BCCI's pursuit to end the trophy drought, the ensemble they put together despite the multiple injuries to key players, all fell in place as India were on their way to write a fairytale script of winning a home WC. However, sport seldom works that way. Australia turned up at the final, and spoiled the party, silencing a billion fans. Another ICC event ended in a heartbreak for India. In a country where careers are made or broken from WC to WC, this particular one would sting for the longest time.

However, as 2023 comes to an end, looking back, the year was not all that bad for Indian cricket. Test series win against Australia, reaching the final of World Test Championship, dominating run to the ODI WC final, and smooth transition in the shortest and the longest format, the Men in Blue had a kind of year most teams would take it with eyes closed. The trophies might not be there, but the consistency they showed on the field is a result of the process that is in place. Former India cricketer Hemang Badani feels so as well. "We played a brand of cricket which I like and I'm quite excited about what's the future for us. If this is the way India are going to play going forward, I think it's all in the right direction. Even the younger boys are playing like that, which is great to see. Unfortunately, the finals didn't go our way, but it was fabulous to see Mohammed Shami and others bowled, the way we batted, Virat Kohli and Rohit at the top, taking the game on. A lot of things are going ahead and for the future," Badani told this daily.

The consistency and the brand of cricket apart, the one thing that stood out the most is the way the younger players who came into the national team looked at home. The likes of Yashasvi Jasiwal, Rinku Singh, Ruturaj Gaikwad, and B Sai Sudharsan had to fill in the shoes of some big names and they have made the transition look seamless. Jaiswal scored a century on Test debut, Rinku held his own, finishing tense T20I matches, Gaikwad and Sai Sudharsan seemed solid at the top. Badani believes that the Indian Premier League has had a significant role in making this happen. "The transition is a lot easier because of the IPL. When you are sitting with all the big boys, you're chatting with them, they become your friends, you're picking their brains, you're learning new things all the time. IPL also has its own pressures and expectations. So when you're playing for the national side after that, it's a lot easier. It wasn't the case for us when we played. I mean, you are playing Ranji Trophy to straight up, you are playing for India. It was a massive gap to bridge. Now, it's seamless," says the former Tamil Nadu captain.

Finish Line 2023

Indian cricket in 2023*

	Format	M	W	L	D/NR
Men	Tests	7	3	2	2
	ODIs	35	27	7	1
	T20Is	23	15	7	1
Women	Tests	2	2	0	0
	ODIs	3	1	1	1
	T20Is	19	11	6	2

*Stats until Dec 25, 2023

India at ICC meets

U19 WT20 WC :	Champions
Women's T20 WC :	Semifinalists
WTC 2021-23 :	Runners-up
Men's ODI WC :	Runners-up

Key events next year

Men's T20 WC, WI & USA: June, 2024

Women's T20 WC, Bangladesh: Sept, 2024

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Shubman Gill: He had an incredible year in ODIs amassing over 1500 runs in the format, but his best is yet to come

Ruturaj Gaikwad: Numbers might not tell the full story, but he is rated as one of the talents to look out for

Yashasvi Jaiswal: Could well be the next all-format player for the coming decade, alongside Gill

Rinku Singh: Brace yourself to see a lot more of this left-handed finisher in white-ball cricket

Jemimah Rodrigues: While she has been around for a few years, 2023 is the one she came of age, in T20Is & Tests

Pooja Vastrakar: Injuries had held her back for a while, but by the time the year ended, she showed her calibre in the longest format

Shreyanka Patil: This Karnataka all-rounder has shown that she belongs to the highest level and is destined for bigger things

Smooth transition without a senior ICC trophy to show pretty much sums up the year for India women as well. They had the biggest of the years at the global stage — winning the inaugural U19 T20 WC, the advent of Women's Premier League and the market it has generated, reaching yet another T20WC semifinal, historic Test wins against England and Australia at home, the list just goes on. Newly-appointed head coach Amol Muzumdar, along with captain Harmanpreet Kaur, has kicked off his tenure in such a fashion that the road ahead looks well lit. What also helps is that talents are being scouted by WPL franchises, the likes of Saika Ishaque, Shreyanka Patil and Shubha Satheesh made it to the national team and Jemimah Rodrigues and Pooja Vastrakar are coming of age.

In a video shared by the BCCI, all Kaur had to say when asked about back-to-back Test wins was "Oh my god" with a wide grin on her face. "I think this has been the best environment that I have seen (in the Indian team). I have been playing for so many years, I know we have won many matches and tournaments, but what we are enjoying now, the brand of cricket we are playing, I have never experienced all these years," she would add, crediting the support staff. With two big years ahead of them — a T20 WC in September 2024 and a home ODI WC in 2025 — Kaur and Muzumdar would want to maintain the consistency and the dressing room environment the captain spoke about, ensuring that the players are in a space to give their best.

As 2024 dawns upon us, the focus has shifted to the T20 format for both the teams, even as the men are trying to win a Test series in South Africa. On the eve of the Boxing Test in Centurion, Rohit, in his first media interaction since November 18, was, once again, asked about the "desperation" to prove a point; to win the T20 WC that is to be played in West Indies and United States next year amidst reports that the 36-year-old, who hasn't played a T20I since the 2022 WC, might return and lead the team again. "Everyone has the desperation to play cricket, do well in every chance they get, I know what you are trying to ask, you will get the answers," said Rohit like his typical self.

India men only have three T20Is against Afghanistan and the IPL before T20 WC, and Badani feels that now is the time for the selectors and team management to make it clear to the players about the role and availability for the global event. "I'm sure the Indian selectors and the management have a few players in mind already. It's a case of the support staff, be the coach or even the selectors start having conversations and defining roles. What is expected of a certain player? Player A, B and C, what is it that I want? You give them time to prepare and come ready for the World Cup. That preparation has to happen now. If you don't (and) just let them play the IPL and then you regroup after that and then you say 'let's go win the World Cup', No. It will have to happen now," he says.

With two T20 WCs to play for, whether India will go on and win it, only time will tell. What one can say now for sure is that the next generation looks ready. They are giving the hope and the promise of a better 2024 for Indian cricket.

India's KL Rahul hit 70 (batting) to help India cross 200-run mark | AFP

Rahul's timely fifty gives visitors hope

GOMESH S @Chennai

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings: Jaiswal c Verreynne b Burger 17, Rohit c Burger b Rabada 5, Gill c Verreynne b Burger 2, Kohli c Verreynne b Rabada 38, Iyer b Rabada 31, Rahul (batting) 70, Ashwin c sub (PWA Mulder) b Rabada 8, Thakur c Elgar b Rabada 24, Bumrah b Jansen 1, Siraj (batting) 0; **Extras:** (B-1, LB-8, NB-1, W-2) 12; **Total:** (For 8 wickets in 59 overs) 208; **FoW:** 1-13, 2-23, 3-24, 4-92, 5-107, 6-121, 7-164, 191-8; **Bowling:** Rabada 17-3-44-5, Marco Jansen 15-1-52-1, Nandre Burger 15-4-50-2, Gerald Coetzee 12-1-53-0.

KAGISO Rabada had just cleaned up Shreyas Iyer on an overcast Tuesday afternoon at Centurion — a sharp inswinger that went between the bat and pad, hit the middle stump on the last ball of the first over after lunch. It was his 497th international wicket, 282nd in the format and second on the day. Having won the toss and put in India, South Africa had reduced India to 92/4.

Rabada, in particular, had been breathing fire. It is a format where his legend is less spoken of despite having the all-time best strike rate (39.3) for a pacer with a minimum of 200 wickets. Facing him in his next over was KL Rahul, the new batter, in his new role for the Test team. For the first time in nine years, Rahul is batting in the middle-order, and Rabada was not going to let him off easy. Two length deliveries, followed by two short balls, one of which Rahul tried to hook and missed and then back-of-length deliveries that lifted off length. Rahul survived, breathed and took guard again.

When Rabada ran for the next over, Rahul was ready. Another delivery that bounced extra, but this time, Rahul pulled the ball into the ground. It bounced near the legs of Tony de Zorzi and went through to the ropes. Rahul was officially off the mark with a shot that was a sign of what was to come. On a surface where the ball was moving not just sideways, but also rising and keeping low, Rahul did what he does best — take guard, watch, leave if you can, defend if you have to, rinse, repeat. Get something too full, lean forward a bit and gently caress it through covers for four. If it's on the body, fend it off if you can and take a single, pull it into the ground when possible and take the blow if you have to. When there is width on offer, guide it behind gully or free your arms and pull it in front of the square. Rahul did it all to perfection, with not much fuss.Once Rabada sent back Virat Kohli and R Ashwin to close in on the 500th wicket, Rahul freed his arms to play his shots — lofting Nandre Burger over cover to reach his half-century. First with Shardul Thakur, then with Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, he took India to 208/8 and remained unbeaten on 70 when rain drew curtains on the day's play.

Nine years ago, coming back from his debut tour of Australia where he scored a hundred, Rahul piled on runs in the 2014-15 Ranji Trophy. He smashed 838 runs in nine innings and helped Karnataka lift the title, living up to the reputation he had built as a batting prodigy. However, his international career since then has not always been a smooth ride despite the backing he had (he averages 33.44 after 47 Tests). The last three years, though, have been different. The 31-year-old has shown he is ready to do what's needed and do it to the best of his capabilities.

And on Tuesday — where Rabada showed why he is one of the best in the business, taking a fifer and reaching the milestone (500) — Rahul has reminded everyone that he is capable of guiding the Test team through the transition over the next few years.

Grappler Dhanda handed 1-year ban for whereabouts offence

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

AS the world of wrestling in India is being shredded, a former world and Asian championships medallist has been suspended for one year for three whereabouts failures in a year. Wrestler Pooja Dhanda, who won world championships bronze in 2018, was found guilty of missing dope collections and filing failures and has been banned from 15.06.2023 ("light degree" offence).

According to the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel, three filing failures and missed tests were recorded in the period of 12 months in 2022. Since she was part of the Registered Testing Pool of the NADA and that she should be available for testing during the identified 60-minute window each day. The NADA had informed her that she also needs to file her quarterly whereabouts. Sports lawyer Vidushpat Singhania and Achyuth Jayagopal were her counsels and was part of the hearing. The Quorum was Charu Pragya (chairperson) Manik S Ghadlinge and Abantika Deka.

However, ADDP explained that the athlete did not file her whereabouts in the quarter 3 (Q3) and the NADA had issued her a filing failure letter on July 6, 2022 seeking explanation for filing failures within 14 days.Since the NADA did not receive any intimation until November 26, it declared this as a filing failure. The next whereabouts violation was in the fourth quarter (Q4: October-December) when ADDP found it to be a filing failure and issued notice to the wrestler. Pooja, however, defended saying that she had already filed the whereabouts in the month of October prior to receiving the notice. She said, "it is further added that when the Athlete attempted to update her whereabouts information for Q-4, an error on the ADAMS application precluded her from doing so. The Athlete had raised this issue with NADA via an email dated 28.11.2022 that her whereabouts information was not recorded in the WADA ADAMS application." The NADA, however, considered it was a failure because she did not file her whereabouts information on time (delayed filing).

Singhania, who was Pooja's counsel at the hearing, said they asked for leniency because there have been issues while updating her whereabouts in the ADAMS.

The NADA panel said they are of the view that there was a failure under Article 2.4 of Anti-Doping Rules 2021 whereby the athlete has failed to summit her first whereabouts info for Q3 and belatedly submitted her second whereabouts for Q4. She also missed a test in Q4.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

CFC look to end year with victory

ENS/AGENCIES @Chennai

CHENNAIYIN FC will look to end the year on a high when they play Mumbai City FC in the ISL at the Mumbai Football Arena on Thursday.

The CFC side had a short training session at the SRMC grounds. The two-time winners are occupying sixth position in the points table with a total of 12 points and the head coach, Owen Coyle, stated that they are excited to face Mumbai City as they play an attacking brand of football as well. "I am looking to play against Mumbai City as it would be a really good contest. We are going up against a very good side and I really enjoy it when we play in their stadium and environment."

EXCERPTS FROM VINESH LETTER

I remember in 2016 when Sakshi won the Olympic medal your government had made her the brand ambassador of 'Beti bachao beti padhao' campaign. When we got to know about this, this country's women were happy and were sending each other congratulatory messages. Today when Sakshi was forced to leave wrestling, I keep remembering that year. Are we women athletes there only for government ads? We have no objection to publishing those advertisements because, from the slogan written in them, it seems that your government wants to work seriously for the upliftment of daughters.

In what condition Bajrang (Punia) decided to return his Padma Shri is not known to me. But when I saw his photo, I was

WRESTLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALLIST VINESH PHOGAT WAS POIGNANT WHILE PENNING THE LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

suffering from inside. After that, I also started hating my awards. When I got these awards my mother distributed sweets to the neighbours. I want to get rid of that picture of Vinesh accepting the award because that was a dream and whatever happening now with us is reality. When I met you (PM) I told you about the matter. We have been on the streets for the last year for justice but nobody is taking us seriously. The exploiter (Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh) has declared his dominance and raised slogans in a very crude manner. Just spare 5 minutes of your life and listen to the statements given by that man in the media, you will know what all he has done.

He has described women wrestlers as Manthra. He admitted to making women wrestlers uncomfortable on TV openly and didn't leave even a single opportunity to humiliate the women players. What is more serious is that it has forced many female wrestlers to step back. This is very scary.

Sometimes I wonder whenever my aunties and relatives see our plight now on TV, what they have been telling my mother. No mother in this country will want her daughter to suffer like this.

GUJARAT GIANTS

CUTTACK: Gujarat Giants continue their sparkling form as they defeated Mumbai Khiladis 34-30 to register their second straight win in the ongoing Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack on Tuesday. Abhinandan Patil was the star of the match for the winning side with 14 points. Faizankha Pathan, Suyash Gargate and Shubham Thorat also contributed to Gujarat's victory by staying on the mat for more than 5 minutes. For Mumbai Khiladis, Rohan Kore (8) scored the most points in the match.

Wood lifts Forest with hat-trick vs Newcastle

AGENCIES @London

NUNO Espirito Santo clinched his first win in charge of Nottingham Forest as Chris Wood's hat-trick against his former club Newcastle inspired a 3-1 victory, while Liverpool will go top of the Premier League if they avoid defeat at Burnley later on Tuesday. Wood left Newcastle to join Forest in a £15 million ($19 million) deal in June, but had scored only four times for his new club.

The 32-year-old New Zealand international managed just two league goals for Newcastle last term, but he surpassed that meagre total with a treble in 60 minutes at St James' Park.

Alexander Isak's first half penalty put Newcastle ahead, but Wood equalised just before the break. He struck twice more in the second half to give former Tottenham manager Nuno his maiden victory with Forest in his second game in charge after replacing the sacked Steve Cooper. Meanwhile, in an exciting contest, Sheffield United lost to Luton 2-3 and Bournemouth beat Fulham in the other match. **Results:** Newcastle 1-3 Nottm Forest; Sheffield 2-3 Luton; Bournemouth 3-0 Fulham.

EXPRESS READ

HI names 34 probables for women's natl camp

BENGALURU: A core group of 34 players will take part in a senior women's hockey coaching camp starting here on Thursday, aiming to bolster preparations for the Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi and the Hockey5s World Cup. The players will be joining the camp after a short break from the trip to Spain after playing against Belgium, Germany, Ireland and the hosts in the 5 Nations Tournament. The qualifiers are set to be played in Ranchi from January 13-19.

Natl boxing: Simranjeet beats Manisha in semis

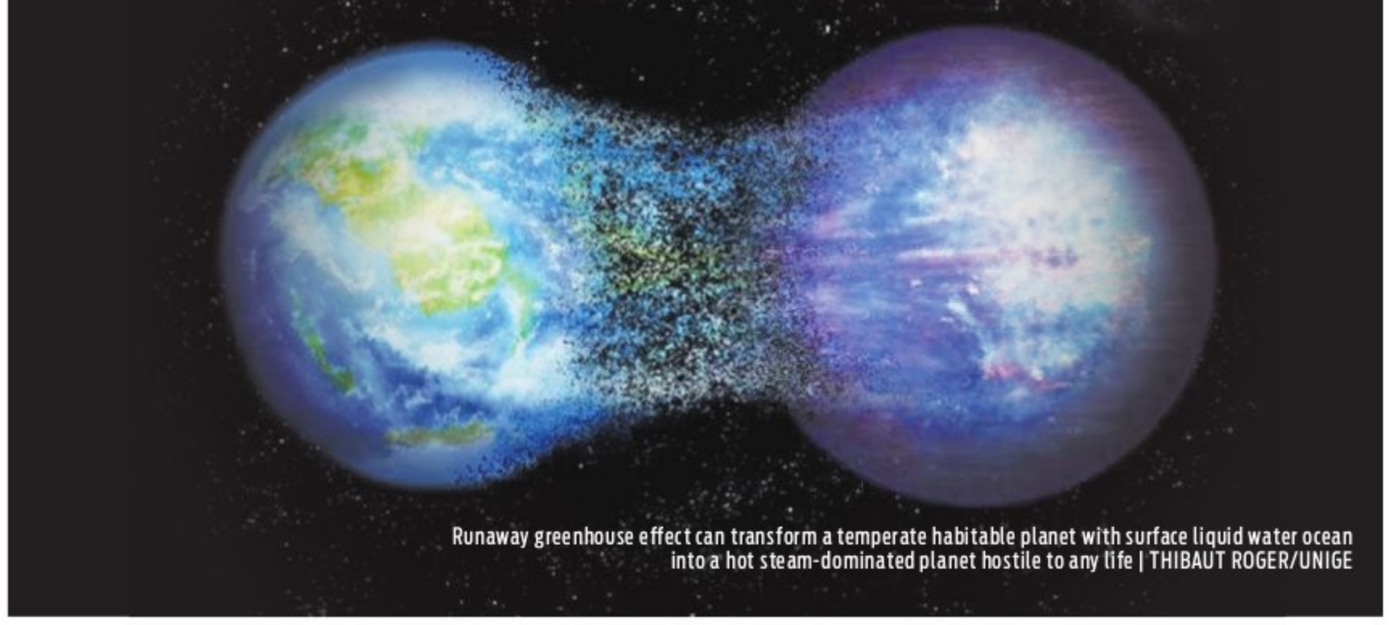
GREATER NOIDA: Tokyo Olympian boxer Simranjeet Kaur cruised to the 60kg National Championships final, eking out a narrow win over Manisha Moun in the battle of the World Championship medallists here on Tuesday. The 28-year-old from Punjab won by split verdict (4-3). World champion Saweety Boora (81kg) and two-time Asian Championship gold medallist Pooja Rani (75kg) lived up to their top billing, registering facile wins in their respective semifinals.

Indian chess players' valuables stolen

NEW DELHI: Indian chess players, including GM Sankalp Gupta, went through a torrid time while participating in the recent Sunway International chess tournament at Sitges, Spain, as they lost several valuables after break-ins at their apartments. The train of unsavoury incidents started on December 19 with a break-in at the Apollo apartment, a property provided by the organisers, where IM Dushyant Sharma and Sankalp were sharing the accommodation.

EXOPLANETS' CLIMATE: HABITABLE TO HELL

RESEARCHERS HAVE MANAGED TO SIMULATE THE ENTIRE RUNAWAY **GREENHOUSE EFFECT,** WHICH CAN MAKE A PLANET COMPLETELY UNINHABITABLE



Runaway greenhouse effect can transform a temperate habitable planet with surface liquid water ocean into a hot steam-dominated planet hostile to any life | THIBAUT ROGER/UNIGE

THE Earth is a wonderful blue and green dot covered with oceans and life, while Venus is a yellowish sterile sphere that is not only inhospitable but also sterile. However, the difference between the two bears to only a few degrees in temperature. A team of astronomers from the University of Geneva (UNIGE), with the support of the CNRS laboratories of Paris and Bordeaux, has achieved a world's first by managing to simulate the entirety of the runaway greenhouse process which can transform the climate of a planet from idyllic and perfect for life, to a place more than harsh and hostile. The scientists have also demonstrated that from initial stages of the process, the atmospheric structure and cloud coverage undergo significant changes, leading to an almost-unstoppable and very complicated to reverse runaway greenhouse effect. On Earth, a global average temperature rise of just a few tens of degrees, subsequent to a slight rise of the Sun's luminosity, would be sufficient to initiate this phenomenon and to make our planet inhabitable. These results are published in Astronomy & Astrophysics.

The idea of a runaway greenhouse effect is not new. In this scenario, a planet can evolve from a temperate state like on Earth to a true hell, with surface temperatures above 1000°C. The cause? Water vapour, a natural greenhouse gas. Water vapour prevents the solar irradiation absorbed by Earth to be reemitted towards the void of space, as thermal radiation. It traps heat a bit like a rescue blanket. A dash of greenhouse effect is useful – without it, Earth would have an average temperature below the freezing point of water, looking like a ball covered with ice and hostile to life.

On the contrary, too much greenhouse effect increases the evaporation of oceans, and thus the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere. "There is a critical threshold for this amount of water vapour, beyond which the planet cannot cool down anymore. From there, everything gets carried away until the oceans end up getting fully evaporated and the temperature reaches several hundred degrees," explains Guillaume Chaverot, former postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Astronomy at the UNIGE Faculty of Science and main author of the study.

World premiere

"Until now, other key studies in climatology have focused solely on either the temperate state before the runaway, or either the inhabitable state post-runaway," reveals Martin Turbet, researcher at CNRS laboratories of Paris and Bordeaux, and co-author of the study. "It is the first time a team has studied the transition itself with a 3D global climate model, and has checked how the climate and the atmosphere evolve during that process."

One of the key points of the study describes the appearance of a very peculiar cloud pattern, increasing the runaway effect, and making the process irreversible. "From the start of the transition, we can observe some very dense clouds developing in the high atmosphere. Actually, the latter does not display anymore the temperature inversion characteristic of the Earth atmosphere and separating its two main layers: the troposphere and the stratosphere. The structure of the atmosphere is deeply altered," points out Chaverot.

Consequences for search of life elsewhere

This discovery is a key feature for the study of climate on other planets, and in particular on exoplanets – planets orbiting other stars than the Sun. "By studying the climate on other planets, one of our strongest motivations is to determine their potential to host life," indicates Émeline Bolmont, assistant professor and director of the UNIGE Life in the Universe Center (LUC), and co-author of the study.

The LUC leads state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research projects regarding the origins of life on Earth, and the quest for life elsewhere in our Solar System and beyond, in exoplanetary systems. "After the previous studies, we already suspected the existence of a water vapor threshold, but the appearance of this cloud pattern is a real surprise!" discloses Bolmont. "We have also studied in parallel how this cloud pattern could create a specific signature, or "fingerprint", detectable when observing exoplanet atmospheres. The upcoming generation of instruments should be able to detect it," unveils Turbet. The team is also not aiming to stop there, Chaverot having received a research grant to continue this study at the Institut de Planétologie et d'Astrophysique de Grenoble (IPAG). This new step of the research project will focus on the specific case of the Earth.

Fragile equilibrium

With their new climate models, the scientists have calculated that a very small increase of the solar irradiation – leading to an increase of the global Earth temperature, of only a few tens of degrees – would be enough to trigger this irreversible runaway process on Earth and make our planet as inhospitable as Venus. One of the current climate goals is to limit global warming on Earth, induced by greenhouse gases, to only 1.5 degrees by 2050. One of the questions of Chaverot's research grant is to determine if greenhouse gases can trigger the runaway process as a slight increase of the Sun luminosity might do. If so, the next question will be to determine if the threshold temperatures are the same for both processes.

The Earth is thus not so far from this apocalyptical scenario. "Assuming this runaway process would be started on Earth, an evaporation of only 10 meters of the oceans' surface would lead to a 1 bar increase of the atmospheric pressure at ground level. In just a few hundred years, we would reach a ground temperature of over 500°C. Later, we would even reach 273 bars of surface pressure and over 1 500°C, when all of the oceans would end up totally evaporated," concludes Chaverot.

(Source: University of Geneva)

Climatic differences between the twins of the solar system

COMPOSITION OF ATMOSPHERE

Average surface temperature **287 K, 14 °C**

EARTH

78.08% Nitrogen (N2)/20.95% Oxygen (O2)/ 0.93% Argon/ 0.038% Carbon dioxide/ About 1% water vapour (varies with climate)

HABITABILITY: Currently habitable; However, CO_2 levels increasing

POLLUTION: High carbon dioxide pollution steadily increasing global temperatures, in the form of global warming, and chemical and radiation pollution also on the rise

Average surface temperature **735 K, 461.85 °C**

VENUS

96.5% Carbon dioxide/~3.5% Nitrogen/0.015% Sulfur dioxide/0.007% Argon/0.002% Water vapour/0.0017% Carbon monoxide/0.001 2% Helium/0.000 7% Traces of Neon, Carbonyl sulfide, Hydrogen chloride and Hydrogen fluoride

HABITABILITY: Uninhabitable due to extremely high atmospheric pressure, extreme heat, lack of water, and atmosphere composed of primarily CO_2

POLLUTION: No artificial pollution. However, due to high carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere, greenhouse effect causes average temperatures to be hotter than Mercury's

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Brief E-TENDER NOTICE : CORRIGENDUM-A

No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-19(A)/23-24 **Dt:26.12.2023**

Kindly refer to E-Public Tender-19(A)/23-24 dt 30.11.23 **"AMC for Civil & PH works @ SMPC Unit-1" (T/C-23-075, Est. cost ₹ 93.71 Lakhs); "Term Contract for Civil works @ QCH, Keepakkam, Kothachenu & CGH, SDSC SHAR" (T/C-23-076, Est. cost ₹120.00 Lakhs); "Repairs of 18 nos of toilets PH works & fencing works @ Guest House Complex, SDSC SHAR" (T/C-23-077, Est .cost ₹ 33.68 Lakhs); Sale period extended up to 05.01.2024.** Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branch mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount, Same notice returned hence this notice.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor: Applicant/Co- Applicant's: Borrower : Sri.Maruthi Bakery & Chats, Prop. Mr. Hanumantharaju.G.K., Maruthinagar, Old Madhugiri Road, Doddamma Temple, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural Dist.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Facility & A/c No.	Outstanding amount as on 11.07.2023	Unapplied interest	Total dues
CYPOD 560631000098230	14,29,032.00	17,037.00	14,46,069.00

Amount Outstanding : As on 11.07.2023, Rs. 14,46,069.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Sixty Nine Only) together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate.

NPA Date : 30.04.2023 **Demand Notice Date : 11.07.2023**

Mortgage of Immovable property Described herein below : All pieces and parcel of property in the name of G.K.Hanumantharaju S/o Late Kempaiah, bearing Old K.No. 90 and New K.No. 2130, Property No. 90, Nagarasabe, Present Sl.No. 2130, Property No. 2130/90, Vacant Site Measuring East -West : 43½ feet and North-South : 17 feet, and consisting of sheet house measuring 40 feet * 15 feet bounded by : East : 12 feet Road, West : 10 feet Road, North : 20 feet Road, South : House of Mudduranggappa & Chandrappa.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor: Applicant/Co- Applicant's: Borrower : 1 (a) Applicant : Sri.Nagaraju S/o Ramaiah, No.229/2, Balaji Nilaya, Opp to Rojipura Court, Doddaballapura-561203. **1 (b) Co-applicant : Mrs. Padma W/o Nagaraju,** No.229/2, Balaji Nilaya, Opp to Rojipura Court, Doddaballapura-561203.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Facility & A/c No.	Outstanding amount as on 11.07.2023	Unapplied interest	Total dues
Housing Loan 60631000098230	16,31,318.00	78,259.00	17,09,577.00

Amount Outstanding : As on 11.07.2023, Rs. 17,09,577.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven Only) together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate.

NPA Date : 01.05.2023 **Demand Notice Date : 11.07.2023**

Mortgage of Immovable property Described herein below : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Rojipura, 4th Ward, 2nd Division, Doddaballapur, bearing Site Municipal Khatha Old Khatha No. 5527, Property No. 5527, Municipal Sl.No. 5527, Vacant Site No. 2 and 3, K.No. 5527, Site No. 3, measuring East : West - 30 feet and North : South : 40 feet bounded by : East : Vacant Site No. 4, West : Vacant Site No. 2, North : Road and South : Vacant Site.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 28.12.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Doddaballapura **Union Bank of India**

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

APTRANSCO invites tenders for construction of 400/220/132/ 33kV Kakinada SEZ Sub-Station and connected 400kV, 220kV & 132kV Transmission lines in Kakinada District on L.S.basis against Tender Notice No.e-EHVT-54/2023. The tender documents will be available on **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** from 27.12.2023 @ 12.00 Hrs onwards. Phone : **9440811169.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Projects, APTRANSCO, Vijayawada

DIPR No.2565PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 26/12/2023

BEFORE THE X ADDL. DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE
(DEDICATED COMMERCIAL COURT)
BENGALURU RURAL DIST., BENGALURU
III Floor, BSNL Bldg., Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Comm. FDP No.2/2023

BETWEEN
M/s. Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Co. Ltd.
having its Registered Office at Edelweiss House, Off C.S.T. Road, Kalina Mumbai-400098.
And
M/s. Metrocorp Housing Corporation Pvt. Ltd. & 5 others

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

1. **M/s. Metrocorp Housing Corporation Private Limited,** Having its Registered Office at No.17, Jayamahal Main Road **Bangalore-560 046.** Represented by its Partner Shri. Deepak Krishnappa, Email: Deepak@metrocorp.in
2. **Mr. Deepak Krishnappa** Director, Metrocorp Housing Corporation Private Limited, No.17, Jayamahal Main Road, **Bangalore-560 046.**
   Also at - 88/19 Cross, RMV extension, Upper Palace Orchard, Bangalore 560046.
3. **Mrs. Sushma Anandu** Director Metrocorp Housing Corporation Private Limited, No.17, Jayamahal Main Road, **Bangalore-560 046.**
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4. **Mr. Deepak Krishnappa** Partner Metrocorp No.17, Jayamahal Main Road Bangalore-560 046.
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6. **Mr. Deepak Krishnappa Partner** S.J.M. Property Developers Iyyer Thottam, Selvapuram Kumarapalayam Coimbatore 641026.

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed Comm. **FDP No.2/2023** to pass the final decree for sale of the Schedule Properties as per preliminary decree passed in Comm. **O.S.No. 43/21.** You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or through Pleader on the **22.01.2024 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the same, failing which the FDP will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the this Hon'ble Court, Bengaluru, on this the **20.12.2023.**

M. Nagaraj, Advocate for the Plaintiff
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STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC ST. MARK'S ROAD
C/o. SBI, Bangalore Branch No. 65,
LHO Compound, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 9611093484. Email Id: sbi.63988@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Account No : HBL-64162181756, Suraksha-64162182024

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **29.09.2023** and calling upon **Borrower/s : Sri. Krishnamurthy .N** S/o. Sri. Nanjundappa, No. 9, Jayashree Market, Gundopanth Street, Bengaluru-560002. **And also at : i)** M/s. P. K. Mobile Shop, No.14, Char Street, BVK Iyengar Road, Bengaluru-560053, **ii)** No. 29/3, Avalahalli Main Road, 6th Cross, Dasarahalli, South Block, Srinagar, Bengaluru - 560050 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 6,95,508/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred and Eight only) as on 27.09.2023 + interest from 28.09.2023 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgager(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **20.12.2023**

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 6,10,273/-** (Rupees Six lakhs ten thousand two hundred and seventy three only) as on 17.12.2023 and interest from 18.12.2023 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.29/3, Avalahalli Main Road, 6th Cross, Dasarahalli South Block, Srinagar, PID No.53-44-29/3, BBMP Ward No.53 Bangalore-560050 measuring East to West : 24 Feet and North to South : 16 Feet, in all measuring 384 Sq.Ft Consisting of ground floor 384 Sq.ft., First floor 384 Sq.ft., and Second floor 282 Sq.ft standing in the name of Sri. Krishnamurthy N and **bounded on : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Property of Ramanna, **North by :** 5 feet Passage and Property of K. Kumar, **South by :** Private Property.

Date : 20.12.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager**
Place : Bangalore **State Bank of India, RACPC**
St. Mark's Road, Bangalore

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಘಟಕ, ಗೆಜ್ಜಲಗೆರೆ-571428

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮಹಾಒ/ಕೇ.ತಾಂ/ಕ್ಷೇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್/AH39/Call-3/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.12.2023

ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಶೇಖರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವಿವಿಧ ಉಪಕಚೇರಿಯ ಉಪವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು(ಶೇ)ರವರುಗಳ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಭೇಟಿಯ 04 ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳಿಗೆ, ಸ್ವೀಪ್ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಭೇಟಿಯ 01 ಮಾರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ, ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾರ್ಗ-1 ಮತ್ತು ವಿವಿಧ ಶಿಬಿರ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಶು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ತುರ್ತುಕರೆಯ 14 ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 20 ಮಾರ್ಗಗಳಿಗೆ ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅವಧಿಕೆ ವಾಹನ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 1) ಇ- ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಲಭಿಸುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.12.2023** ರಿಂದ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:25.01.2024** ರ **17.00** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ 2) ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **09.01.2024** ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **12.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ / ನಮೂದಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25.01.2024** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **17.00** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ (ಭಾಗ-1) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **29.01.2024** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **10.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ: ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸಭಾಂಗಣ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಬಂಧ ನೀಡಬೇಕಾದ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತು/ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ (ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22/12/2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ I.F.T – KW – 4
ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 2023-24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 4059-80-051-0-29-386 ಇಲಾಖಾ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ

(1) **PWD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT6124 ಒಟ್ಟು 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ**
(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ-ಸಂದೇಹ/ ಪ್ರಿ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **06.01.2024** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 12:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **08.01.2024** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **09.01.2024** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **10.01.2024** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 16:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.
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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 408/SE/PHC/ TSR/2023-24

1.JJM - Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of One No. 1000 KVA, 11 KV/3.3KV Transformers and 390 HP VT Pump sets & Construction of pump house, operators room for Pavaratty Regional WSS at Thrithala pump house. EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/-; Tender fee: Rs. 11800/-; Last Date for submitting Tender: 15-01-2024, 03:00:pm; Phone: 0487 – 2423230; Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Thrissur
KWA-JB-GL-6-1889-2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-1/23-24/4515-16 Date: 22.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids under Enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Gangmen/630/Call-2 dt: 21.12.2023 for **"Providing manpower service of 05 Nos of Skilled Gang-men for maintenance of Transmission lines pertaining to Shivanasamudram TLI sections, KPTCL, Mysuru"** coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e procurement kptcl"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **27.12.2023.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Transmission (W&M) Circle,
KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound,
N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Ph: 0821-2455018.

Canara Bank
Anekal Branch (DPD 10437)
Opp. Post Office
Near KSRTC Bus Stand, ,Anekal,
Bangalore - 562 106, Ph: 9449860043,
E-Mail : cb10437@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ANEKAL Branch (10437)** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **30-01-2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 14,04,965.09** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Four Thousansd Nine Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Nine Only) as on **26-12-2023** with further interest and charges thereon due to the **ANEKAL Branch (10437)** of Canara Bank from **Borrower/s 1. Mr. Narayanappa K** S/o Kamaiah **Guarantor/s 1. Mr. M Doddegowda** S/o Muniyappa.

The reserve price will be **Rs.1,02,89,813.00** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousands Eight Hundred Thirteen only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.10,28,990.00,** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Nine hundred Ninety only). The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **29-01-2024** at 4.00 PM.

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any.

Name of the Owner/Mortgagor: Mr. Narayanappa K

Details and full description of the immovable property

All the piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing site no. 86 & 85, Sy. No. 203/2 Thimakka Layout (KSRTC Colony), situated at Anekal town, Bangalore urban District -562106(Off Anekal to Hosur) belonging to Sri NARAYANAPPA K

Site no .86 bounded by: On the east: Site No. 85, On the west : Site No. 87, On the North: Site No. 81, On the South : Road

Site No 85 bounded by; On the East: Site No. 84, On the west: Site No. 86/Same party, On The North: Site No 82, On The South : Road.

Title holder: Sri Narayanappa K.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Anekal Branch, Opp. Post Office, Near KRSTC Bus Stand, Anekal, Bangalore – 562 106. Phone No. : 080 – 27859237 / 9449860043 // Email id : cb10437@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Anekal
Date: 26.12.2023

Sd/-Authorised Officer
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DAY'S DIARY

National Anthem

Jana Gana Mana, our National Anthem, was first sung on this day in 1911 at the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress

SUNG BY STUDENTS

The anthem is the first verse of the song *Bharata Bhagya Vidhata*, a Brahmo hymn. Tagore's niece, Sarala Devi Chowdhurani, sang the song, along with a few school students

TRANSLATIONS

Netaji translated the national anthem from Bengali which had been Sanskritised to Hindi. It was also translated into 22 national and many regional languages

RULES & REGULATIONS

The National Honour Act of 1971 section (3), states that strict punishment will be meted out for disrespecting the national anthem

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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JAUNT ON JETS

Eurasia

This year saw an influx of enquiries about Eurasian countries like **Kazakhstan (top pic)**, Georgia, Armenia, **Turkey(below)** , and Uzbekistan. Kamini Kannan, a private travel consultant, says, "Indians usually have a soft spot for European countries. Now everyone can spend money on international travel and explore various regions of Europe. So they are going to countries less-travelled like Georgia, which **gives them a feel of Europe at a cheaper cost."**

Bengaluru's airport has been the talk of the town this year with the swanky Terminal 2 being fully operational for international travel. Armenia, Georgia and Kazakhstan were among the top picks. And this year, many packed their bags to Santa's village in Lapland, Finland for a white Christmas

MONIKA MONALISA

IT was 'Travel, as usual' for many this year. 2023 saw Bengalureans exploring lesser-known countries, which turned out to be budget-friendly as well. Experiential activities were also one of the key factors for travel.

REAR VIEW 2023

Japan

The land of cherry blossoms saw Indian travellers make their way to the country this year. Call it the anime effect or just Japan being culturally diverse, the country turned out to be a surprise in travel lists. Spilling some beans, Sowmya Jagannath, founder of a travel-based startup, reveals that the country was a favourite among families with young children. "Many parents who love Japanese tradition would love to explore it first-hand. Of course, there is Disneyland but there are other places like Ninja Samurai museums, where you can dress up like samurais and many other things, " explains Jagannath.

Africa

Interest in animal safaris also peaked this year. **Masai Mara** in Africa was the top pick for July and August, which are considered the best months to witness animal immigration from Tanzania towards Kenya. National parks like Ranthambore National Park have been favourites, with many international artistes and Bollywood celebrities like **Arjun Kapoor, Malika Arora, and Varun Dhawan** exploring the natural beauty.

Europe

In yet another offbeat destination, many ticked off Finland from their bucket list. This year they went all-out to spend Christmas in Santa's village in **Lapland** and fulfill their wish of a white Christmas. Speaking of ticking off places from bucket lists, the Northern Lights also made Norway a top pick.

National Travel

Popular destinations Rajasthan and Goa continued to be chart toppers. Rajasthan is on the must-visit list of many international artistes like Ronan Keating, and **Dua Lipa** to name a few. With many music festivals like the Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 2023, The Hills Festival 2023 in Meghalaya, the picturesque Northeastern cities saw a good footfall of tourists.

Local Travel

For small getaways, Kodagu was a top favourite. Owing to the long weekends and people's curiosity about the helicopter service to Kodagu to dodge traffic, the town saw many city-based travellers heading that way for a quick escape.

Travel News of 2023

The Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebidu, and Somanathapura in Karnataka have now been officially designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, while UNESCO named the **Kempegowda Int'l Airport Terminal 2** as one of the World's Most Stunning Airports. Meanwhile, Malaysia, Thailand, and Sri Lanka made it 30 days visa-free entry for Indians and Chinese, which saw a spike in travel demand. Bhutan raised its Sustainable Development Fee to $200 per visitor per night, from $65 but later halved it to $100 with effect from September.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BEPUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1 Fountains have always been a symbol of beauty and aesthetics in urban landscapes in India for many centuries. Bengaluru too have had numerous ornamental fountains dotting the public spaces, traffic circles and gardens. Name the well-known garden in Bengaluru which houses an iconic ornamental fountain in front of a famous Glass House. An artistic fountain was also installed at the centre along with the building of the Glass House in 1890.

2 India's first computerised and the city's first musical fountain was opened in the year 1994. The fountain was installed within the sprawling park on Raj Bhavan Road, opposite Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, and drew huge crowds during the shows. Though it stopped functioning for over a decade, the government looks forward to resurrecting it and refurbishing the gardens. Name the famous musical fountain.

3 History has it that in 1930, the royal family of Maharani Bajang of Nepal visited Lalbagh and was fascinated by its flora and fauna and wanted to have a home built for the Maharani's pet parrot in the gardens. Sir Mirza Ismail, the Dewan instead suggested building a Fairy Fountain in a well-known park in the city. Readily accepting Dewan's offer, the Maharani donated `7,000 towards the construction of the fountain and the fairy fountain was built in the park in memory of the royal parrot. Name the iconic park.

CITY READ

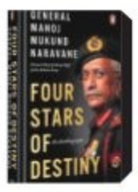
Mattress brand organises collection drive for underprivileged children

Mattress brand Magniflex India organised 'Gifts that Matter' across its franchise outlets in India for underprivileged children. It is an annual Christmas Collection Drive which aims to foster a sense of community during this special time of the year. Christmas bags were placed across all the franchise's stores encouraging customers to donate toys, stationery and more which were then distributed to the children at Angels Orphanage. Each gift included personalised messages. As a part of the drive, a special lunch was also organised for the children.

Festive exhibition till Dec 31

Chitrakala Parishath is hosting a sale-cum-exhibition of artefacts, handicrafts and woollen materials till December 31. Launched by Santhoshi Megharaj, a video content creator, the exhibition will cater to the aesthetic sense of the people this festive season. Woollen caps, blankets, household decorative items, sarees, exquisite jewellery, and more are up for sale. Artisans from different parts of the country have opened up their stalls.

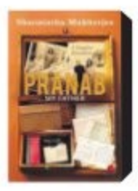
BOOK NOOK



Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography

By Manoj Mukund Naravane

The book sheds light on the workings of the army, its culture and ethos. Even those with no background of the service would be immediately drawn into the narrative, especially the parts that deal with the planning and conduct of operations, which is the reason for being of the Army.



Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers

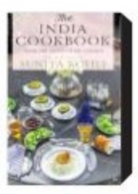
By Sharmistha Mukherjee

It offers a glimpse into the illustrious life of Pranab Mukherjee. Sharmistha invites us into her family's private world that was peopled by the Gandhis and prime ministers: PV Narasimha Rao, Manmohan Singh and, Narendra Modi.

Tara's Truce

By Kavita Kané

The book narrates the tale of Tara's truce – the compromises Tara made to fulfil her divinely ordained purpose, including marrying her husband's killer.



The India Cookbook: From the Tables of My Friends

Selected and edited by Sunita Kohli

This cookbook shows how culture intimately expresses itself—dishes for all occasions and for all seasons. There are recipes for relaxed family meals and dinner parties.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Rama's Quest

Dance-drama *Bhava Nuta* is about a narration by Lord Shiva to Parvathi about the greatness of Rama, choreographed by Acharya Deepa Narayanan Sashidaran.

When: Dec 29, 6.30pm **Where:** Medai- The Stage, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Melodic Jam

Have a memorable evening with The Reverse Effect, a classic rock / folk band known to experiment with all genres, performing live.

When: Dec 28, 9pm
Where: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road
Details: bookmyshow.com

Movie Time

Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani will create a fantastic ambience for your movie night under the open sky. The film blends romance and friendship with some breathtaking visuals, making the outdoor viewing experience even more magical.

When: Dec 29, 6.30pm
Where: SCC Sky Cinema, Nexus Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

LEGO Workshop

Join LEGO Maker's Workshop and learn skills such as designing, engineering, problem-solving and teamwork. Build amazing stuff with LEGO from a huge collection of bricks.

When: Dec 27, 11am **Where:** BHIVE Workspace Whitefield Campus **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Comedy Carnival

This open mic which features eight comedians like Shreekanth Nagaraj, Anand Rathman, Amruta Bendre, and more, is perfect for a fun evening.

When: Dec 27, 9pm
Where: The Bangalore Dhaba, Kalyan Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Sufi Melodies

At Ek Mehfil, experience the melodious notes of the Nizami Brothers where the mystic tunes of Sufi melodies create a peaceful feeling.

When: Dec 27, 9.30pm
Where: Tudum, Vasanth Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com.

Peak Party

Celebrate this New Year with Chikmagalur's misty mountains, treks, bonfires, and joyful games, creating unforgettable memories surrounded by nature's beauty.

When: Dec 29, 10pm
Where: Pickup: at Silk Board
Details: bookmyshow.com

A Musical Treat

Candlelight India will curate an exceptional concert experience that seamlessly intertwines pop, western, and classical music, crafting a mesmerising ambience that promises an unforgettable journey.

When: Dec 29, 7.30pm **Where:** Good Shepherd Auditorium, Museum Road

POSTAL TREASURES

Cultural artistes promote the upcoming Karnapex 2024, the 13th Karnataka state-level philately exhibition, on Church Street | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

FRENCH ONION SOUP

Contributed by **Putul Guin,** Delhi

INGREDIENTS

- **White Onion:** 3
- **Garlic:** 2 tsp
- **Sugar:** 1 tsp
- **Sherry:** 1 cup
- **Stock:** 3 large cups
- **Bay leaf:** 2
- **Thyme:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Slice onions thinly, and let it sweat and soften for 10 minutes.
- Caramelise onions. Add 1/2 tsp sugar to speed up the caramelisation process. Sauté over medium heat until onions have turned brown (40 minutes).
- Sauté the garlic for a minute until fragrant.
- Add dry sherry and cook down until all the wine has evaporated, scraping the bottom to deglaze the pan.
- Add beef/chicken/lamb stock along with aromatics (bay leaf and thyme), salt, and pepper. Partially cover the pan with a lid and cook on simmer for 30 minutes.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

NARASIMHASANA IN PRASARITA JANU VIRASANA

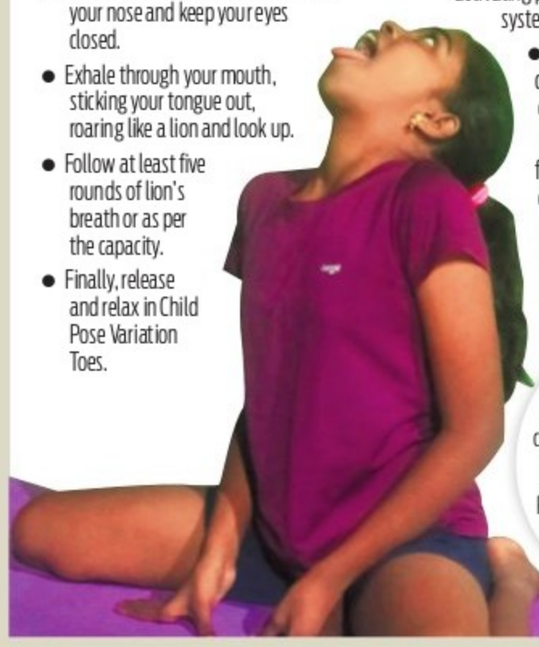
Known as 'Lion Pose', it is dedicated to an avatar of Lord Vishnu with knees spread wide in 'Hero Pose'. It is a variation of the Hatha Yoga Pose, Simhasana (Lion Pose). It is a powerful and energising practice that combines breathwork with specific facial movements.

STEPS

- Sit in Vajrasana, taking a few breaths.
- Inhale, widen your knees sideways and place your fingertips close to the pelvis.
- Ensure fingers are wide open, and placed on the floor.
- Sit back adjacent to the heels comfortably, resting your buttocks on the floor.
- Take a deep breath, bend your head from your neck backward.
- Holding this pose, breathe in through your nose and keep your eyes closed.
- Exhale through your mouth, sticking your tongue out, roaring like a lion and look up.
- Follow at least five rounds of lion's breath or as per the capacity.
- Finally, release and relax in Child Pose Variation Toes.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the wrist joint and increases its motion.
- Strengthens the wrists, shoulders and arms.
- Eliminates negative emotions and boosts vitality and confidence.
- Helps combat carpal tunnel syndrome.
- Promotes smooth breathing in this pranayama practice.
- Release stress, tension, and frustration.
- Increases oxygenated blood circulation, activating parasympathetic nervous system.
- Promotes a sense of calmness and boosts self-confidence.
- Activates the Throat Chakra, for clearer communication and expression of emotions.
- Awakens the Third Eye Chakra, promoting intuition and inner wisdom.



LIMITATIONS

People with injury can practice this pose sitting on a chair or can perform with different sitting asanas, like Padmasana.

People suffering from any chronic illnesses or physical problems, avoid this asana.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THE FREELANCER: THE CONCLUSION (Hindi, series)

It is the story of an ex-cop Avinash Kamath who is on a quest to save Aliya. The task is quite difficult and combines peril and purpose.

Cast: Mohit Raina, Anupam Kher, Sushant Singh, Sarah-Jane Dias, Manjari

- **Watch on:** Disney+ hotstar

SAPTA SAGARADAACHE ELLO - SIDE B (Telugu)

Manu gets released from jail and starts to build his life again. However, the memories of Priya haunt him and he is forced to enter her life again.

Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Rukmini, Chaitra Achar, Avinash,

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SESHAM MIKE-IL FATHIMA (Malayalam)

A young woman from Kerala goes up against unjust hurdles and a conservative upbringing to achieve her dream of becoming a football commentator.

Cast: Kalyani Priyadarshan, Femina George, Parvathi T

- **Watch on:** Netflix

IMMATURE (Hindi, series)

Tracking the lives of three teenage males in their final year of high school, as they deal with the ups and downs, such as friendships, first love, heartbreak, and other issues.

Cast: Anandeshwar Dwivedi, Shivankit Singh Parihar, Neha Iyer

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

VYOOHAM (Telugu, series)

A police officer is assigned a hit and run case. What seems like a simple open and shut case, turns out to be a complicated web, involving several seemingly unconnected people while facing his own painful past.

Cast: Sai Sushanth reddy, Ravindra vijay, Chaitanya, Preethi Asrani

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

RAKSHASA KAVYAM (Telugu)

Ajay's heart bleeds for underprivileged kids who want to study. Vijay comes with his own eccentricity. How do the lives of Ajay and Vijay intersect as they go about realising their goals with determination?

Cast: Abhay Bethiganti, Dayanand Reddy, Kushalini Pulapa

- **Watch on:** aha

AADIKESHAVA (Telugu)

Balu finds himself in an unexpected twist after joining workforce. Who is Balu, and how is he linked to Chenga Reddy and a village named Brahmasamudram?

Cast: Vaishnav Tej, Sreeleela, Aparna Das, Joju George

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

DEATH'S GAME (Korean)

At the brink of going to hell, Yee-jae must cycle through twelve separate lives and deaths in this reincarnation drama.

Cast: Seo In-guk, Park So-dam, Go Youn-jung, Kim Ji-hun, Choi Si-won

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FAMILIA (Spanish)

As a family discusses the future of their idyllic olive farm over a meal, the complexity of their relationships emerges through laughs and confessions.

Cast: Maribel Verdú, Brian Shortall, Adolfo Madera, Ángeles Cruz, Daniel Giménez Cacho

- **Watch on:** Netflix

YOH! CHRISTMAS (English)

Single, 30 and under pressure, Thando lies to her family that she has a boyfriend. Now she has 24 days to bring one home for Christmas. Can she do it?

Cast: Katlego Lebogang, Siya Sepotekele, Didie Makhubane

- **Watch on:** Netflix

AS THE CROW FLIES (Turkish, series)

Asli, an admirer of news anchor Lale Kiran, cleverly secures an internship at Lale's workplace. The duo must break norms and face challenges for their survival in the industry.

Cast: Asli Tuna, Lale Kiran

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
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AUTHORS WHO MADE NEWS IN 2023

Among the innumerable books that launched this year, works by a selection of authors created a buzz for various reasons. Here are *CE*'s top picks

CHANDAN GOWDA

Writer and academician Chandan Gowda's latest book *Another India: Events, Memories, People*, which launched earlier this year, is a social anthropology that explores India's rich history and traditions, along with its cultural evolution. With the book, Gowda discusses modern society's binaries – urban-rural and modern-traditional – and how these often favour more modern, urban perspectives, neglecting the richness of rural and traditional life. He emphasises the need to recognise the value of traditional societies and their responses to ethical dilemmas. The book isn't a critique aimed at replacing Western ideals with local ones but rather a call to acknowledge and integrate the moral and aesthetic richness of India's vernacular cultures.

PERUMAL MURUGAN

Over his three-decade career, this Namakkal-based literary chronicler has mapped Tamil Nadu's rural landscape through themes of class and caste. Murugan's novels and short stories are a fiery critique of the violence of caste. Murugan began writing early on and published his first novel, *Eru Veyyil* in 1991. He has amassed awards over the years but 2023 brought him a spot on the International Booker Prize longlist for *Pyre*. Later this year, he bagged the JCB Prize for Literature and *The New Indian Express's* Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman for Literary Excellence. The translation of his short story collection *Sandalwood Soap* by writer Kavitha Muralidharan was released this year.

CS LAKSHMI

The personal is political. CS Lakshmi or Ambai's powerful works capture this adage well. Making waves as a Tamil feminist writer in a time when there were hardly any in the mainstream, she challenges stereotypes of women and the art of storytelling. From *The Purple Sea* to *A Night with a Black Spider*, her works examine the daily lives of women. This year, she added the Shakti Bhatt Body of Work Prize and Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award to her long list of accolades.

(Compiled by Dese Gowda and Archita Raghu)

MANI SHANKAR AIYAR

With the launch of *Memoirs of a Maverick: The First Fifty Years*, career diplomat and politician Mani Shankar Aiyar offeres a rare glimpse into the first five decades of his life, reflecting his journey from a challenging childhood in Dehradun, raised by a widowed mother, to his experiences in the Indian Foreign Service and politics. The book explores significant moments, like his time at The Doon School with Rajiv Gandhi, and his transition from a diplomat to a close associate of Gandhi in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Aiyar, known for his wit and candidness, shares anecdotes and insights from his life, including his evolution into a firm atheist, his independent thinking, and the influences of his mother.

MEENA KANDASAMY

In 2006, anti-caste activist and writer Meena Kandasamy entered the mainstream literary scene with her debut poetry collection *Touch*. Ever since Kandasamy has expanded the boundaries of writing while deconstructing violence and delving into themes of oppression. From being the editor of the bimonthly *The Dalit* in her teens to penning an antinovel *The Gypsy Goddess* on the Kilvenmani Massacre, the core of Kandasamy's work lies in activism. Her most recent work *The Book of Desire* – published in February – is a feminist translation of Tiruvalluvar's *Kamattu-ppal*. In her translation, she reclaims female sexuality, and desire in a long line of translations where women have been outliers.

RAMACHANDRA GUHA

In 2023, renowned historian Ramachandra Guha made news with his book *Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom*, for which he received the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography. The book, which Guha describes as having lived in his mind for 25 years, delves into the lives of seven foreigners who came to India in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and became deeply involved in the Indian Independence Movement. The book is not just a historical account but also addresses contemporary issues. Guha views it as a challenge to the crude, jingoistic nationalism prevalent in India today. He illustrates through the lives of these individuals that identity is not fixed and that a foreigner is not inherently adversarial. This thematic focus is underscored by epigraphs of Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, and emphasises the nuanced understanding of identity and nationalism.

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU

Sugata Srinivasaraju's latest book *Strange Burdens: The Politics and Predicaments of Rahul Gandhi* gained significant attention in 2023 for its in-depth analysis of Gandhi's political journey and ideology. The book is more a political commentary than a biography, offering a perspective on Gandhi's evolution in Indian politics that is borne out of his decades-long career as a journalist. In the book, Srinivasaraju highlights contrasts between Gandhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while not aiming to polarise but rather to explore the complexities in their political narratives. He describes his approach in the book as 'critically sympathetic', acknowledging both Gandhi's privileges and burdens, and evaluating his recent radical shift in politics.

DR SIDDHARTHA MUKHERJEE

This year, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and cancer physician Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee explored the field of cellular medicine and its implications for treating diseases, including cancer, with his latest book *The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human*. Dr Mukherjee's own battle with depression influenced his perspective on mental health, emphasising the importance of understanding it at a cellular level. His book intertwines scientific discussions with personal anecdotes, reflecting his multifaceted experiences as a physician, scientist, and patient. Dr Mukherjee's approach aims to make complex medical knowledge accessible to the general public, highlighting the revolutionary advancements in biological research and innovation.

The Year of AI

AS 2023 comes to an end, it wouldn't be an understatement to say that this was the year of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Even though ChatGPT was released in November 2022, it was in 2023 that everyone jumped onto the AI bandwagon. ChatGPT reached 100 million subscribers by January 2023, becoming the fastest growing consumer application in history. I wouldn't be surprised if the firing of Sam Altman from OpenAI and his rehiring results in a tell-all book and a Hollywood movie!

How to co-live and co-work with machines that have superhuman capabilities will probably be our generation's most challenging question. Having been a student of Gandhi's teachings, I wanted to explore what Gandhi would have said about AI. There is a common misconception that he was against technology; he instead welcomed technology that eradicated drudgery. If Gandhi were alive today, he would call for a careful examination of the socio-economic implications of AI, emphasising that technological progress should benefit all of humanity, especially the marginalised and the vulnerable. He believed that technology should not displace creativity – and that is where my concerns with AI are. If Generative AI can do some of the most creative human activities (eg. writing and music), then we humans may end up doing the boring tasks like filing tax returns!

One book that made me reflect on this question was *Boom Times at the End of the World* by Scott Timberg (Note: This is not a book on AI). Scott was one of the most gifted critics and well-known culture writers for the *Los Angeles Times*. Sadly, he committed suicide in 2019 after being jobless and unable to make a living since technology eliminated many writing jobs. He was not alive to see the impact of AI, but he warned us of what was coming (read *Culture Crash: The Killing of the Creative Class*). I am glad that the book will be now published in India by Hachette.

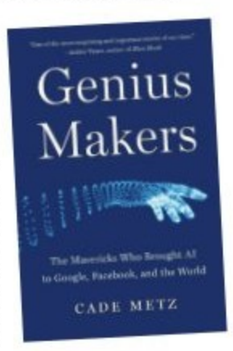
Two books on the history of AI that I would recommend are *Genius Makers* by Cade Metz and *The Worlds I See* by Fei-Fei Li. Metz focusses on the leading lights in the history of AI development, tracking their progress from the 1950s to the present, taking us through the steps, and some missteps, that have brought us to where we are today. Li's book on the other hand is a personal memoir that provides a riveting story of a scientist at work and a thrillingly clear explanation of how AI came to be. Known to the world as the creator of ImageNet, Dr Li has spent more than two decades at the forefront of the field. I was fortunate to attend her book launch at Keplers in Menlo Park where she warned us about some of the catastrophic risks of AI but was hopeful about humanity's collective wisdom to keep us on the right path.

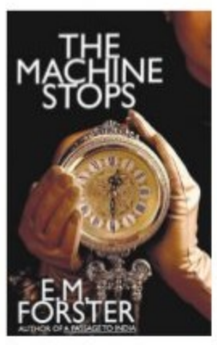
If there is one genre that gave us a near-accurate prediction of today's world, it is science fiction. The 1909 book *The Machine Stops* by EM Forster presages instant messaging, internet, video conferencing and even e-medicine! Speaking of which, the bright spot on the AI-use case is in medicine and it is best described in *How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again* by Eric Topol. Topol's argument isn't that doctors should or will be replaced by AI, but that there are different fields and tasks within medicine that are best approached by one or the other. He envisions a future where doctors and machines work symbiotically, with computers doing what they do best so that doctors will be free to focus on human-to-human interactions.

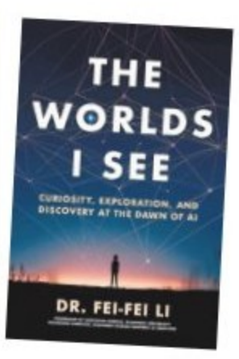
My personal belief is that AI is like any other tool – it is a double-edged sword – and it will be successful ONLY if increases my sense of agency as a human being!

(The writer's views are his own)

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)







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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **R GAYATHRI**, W/o Seshu K S, R/at No.4483, N Muniswamy Gowda Layout Vivekananda Nagar, Bangarpet, Kolar Karnataka - 563114, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GAYATHRI SESHU KOLAR** to **R GAYATHRI**. Henceforth, I shall be known and called as **R GAYATHRI** only, vide affidavit dated 25.11.2023, sworn before advocate and notary K C Pemmaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **SYED SIBGATH GULSHEER**, (OLD NAME), Residing at: 45, 7TH 'A' CROSS, CBI ROAD, OPP. BLOOD BANK, VASANTHAPPA BLOCK, GANGANAGAR, BENGALURU-560032, HAVE CHANGED MY PREVIOUS NAME **"SYEDSIBGATH GULSHEER"** TO NEW NAME **"SYED SIBGATH"** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 23-12-2023, BEFORE THE NOTARY **SIVAKUMARA M.N**, BANGALORE METROPOLITAN AREA, FOR ALL OFFICIAL AND LEGAL PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY FOR PASSPORT.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAKSHMI DEVI**, W/O PRAVEEN IRAPPA HATTIYAVAR, RESIDING AT NO. 66, GROUND FLOOR, SRI VINAYAKA NILAYA, 4TH MAIN, SHASHIDHAR LAYOUT, CHANNASANDRA, BSK 6TH STAGE, RAJARAJESHWARINAGAR, BANGALORE SOUTH, KARNATAKA 560098, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO **LAKSHMI PRAVEEN HATTIYAVAR**, VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED: 26.12.2023, BEFORE NOTARY **C.V. EARAPPA**, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Anjana Nagaraj C/o Madhwesh TD residing at #67, Banarisi, 4th Main, DK Sandra, Vallabhanagar, Dodda kallasandra, Bengaluru -560062, have changed my name from **Anjana Madhwesh Thiluvalli** to **Anjana Nagaraj**, vide affidavit dated 26/12/2023 sworn to before T.N.Bharathi advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) LILA DHAR Father of ISHWAR SINGH, Army No. 13624975X, aged about 65 years, S/o Bhagvana, residing at Ward No.2, Doomoli Kalan, Dumoli Khurd, Thunjhunun, Rajasthan-333516, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LILA DHAR** to **(NEW NAME) LILA RAM** vide affidavit dated 23.12.2023 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. SAVITHA N** resident of No.5, 3rd Cross, Balachandra Layout, Babusapalya, Bangalore-560043, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **DHARSHIKA P** to **DHARSHIKA PURUSHOTHAM**, hereinafter she will be known and called as **DHARSHIKA PURUSHOTHAM** only, vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023, sworn to before T.V. Chandra Shekara Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FASIHUDDIN AHMED BASHEERUDDIN AHMED MALIK**, (OLD NAME), S/o. BASHEERUDDIN AHMED MALIK, RESIDING AT: No.8, 3RD 'C' CROSS, 4TH MAIN, GANDHI NAGAR, SHAMPURA, A.C POST, BENGALURU-560045, HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME **"FASIHUDDIN AHMED BASHEERUDDIN AHMED MALIK"** TO NEW NAME **"MALIK FASIHUDDIN AHMED"** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED: 22-12-2023, BEFORE THE NOTARY SIVAKUMARA M.N, BENGALURU METROPOLITAN AREA, FOR ALL OFFICIAL AND LEGAL PURPOPSES, PARTICULARLYL FOR PASSPORT.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PARVEEN TAJ,** D/o Late Dastagir Shariff, R/at, Serwel Elite Apartment, Flat No. G5 001, No.10, Ahmed Sait Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PARVEEN SYED YOUSUFF** to **PARVEEN TAJ**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PARVEEN TAJ** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26/12/2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.V NAGABHUSHANA**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mrs. NISHA P P. aged about 42 years, W/o. Ajith P N, residing at Villa No. 16, La Melodie Mana Foliage, Gopasandra Road, Muthanallur, Off Dommasandra Chandapura Road, Bangalore-560099, have changed my son's name from ABHIRUP to ABHIRUP AJITH Vide Affidavit dated 21.12.2023 sworn before advocate and notary, B. M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RUBY SHARMA** spouse of No 13628332X Nk Vimal Tiwari presently residing at PARA Records, Bengaluru have changed my name from **RUBY SHARMA** to **RUBY TIWARI** vide affidavit No. IN-KA76616872568505V dt. 20 Dec., 2023 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAKSHI AYUSH JAIN**, W/o. Ayush Jain, Residing at No. 1104, Aastha Valmark, Bannerghatta Road, Behind Meenakshi Temple, Kalena Agrahara, Bengaluru - 560 076, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAKSHI MAHAVEER BHOJANI** to **SAKSHI AYUSH JAIN** vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **PRINCE**, S/o Samuel, aged about, 49 years, R/at #2, 1st Main Neelagiri Topu, Hoysala Nagara, Sunkadakatte,, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **PRINCE SAMUEL** and **PRINCE** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 16/12/2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AZMINA ABDUL SATTAR**, aged about 28 years, W/o Abdul Sattar, D/o. Mohammed Alim Tamboli, resident of No.406/1, Haji Abdul Gaffar Building, Old Police Station Road, K R Puram, Bangalore- 560 036, have changed my name from **AZMINA @ TAMNOLI AZMINA ALIM @ AZMINA MOHAMMED ALIM TAMBOLI** to **AZMINA ABDUL SATTAR** vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **RAVIKUMAR V**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UMA RAMADASAIAH, W/o Ramadasaiah, Aged 38 Years, permanent residence of Hanumanthanagar Village, Karadakere Post, Chikkarasinakere Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District, Karadakere, Mandya Karnataka - 571422, have changed my name from **UMA** to **UMA RAMADASAIAH**, vide affidavit dated 23/12/2023 sworn to before Mohammed Hussain K advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) LALBAHADUR KHADKA residing at No.168 Ashwathkatte Road, Peenya 1st Stage, Peenya Small Industries, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560058, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LALBAHADUR KHADKA** to **(NEW NAME) LAL BAHADUR** vide affidavit dated 22.12.2023 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mr. GAURISH SHUKLA** and **Mrs ARCHANA SHUKLA,** resident of 2A-616, Suncity Gloria, Opposite to Decathlon, Sarjapur Road, Carmelram, Bengaluru-560035, Karnataka, do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **VRISHANK SHUKLA** to **RISHIK SHUKLA**, vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023, sworn to before C. Sharada, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **(1) Mr. SHADAKSHARI** and **(2) Mrs. SHARLET DSA**, Presently residing at No.254, 7th Main, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560104, Do hereby solemnly affirm that we have changed our minor Daughter's name from **SARAH SYLVIA SALDANHA** to **SARAH** vide affidavit dated: 26.12.2023 sworn to before Notary **Deepa M**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K. SRILAKSHMI** (existing Name of spouse as per NoK W/o is legally wedded spouse of No.14651052M Rank: Nk: Name: **MUDIYALA SRINIVASULU,** presently working at MAG-No.3, C/o. LRDE, DRDO Complex, C.V.Raman Nagar, Bangalore 560093 have changed my name from **K. SRILAKSHMI** to **MUDIYALA SRILAKSHMI** before Notary Public **A.R. MUNNER AHMED** Affidavit dated 23rd December 2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. SANTOSH RAMA SHETTY, aged about 39 years, S/o RAMA SHETTY, residing at No. # 1534, 3RD Cross, Nagappa Block, Sriramapura, Bangalore : 560021., I declare that below mentioned names **SANTOSH RAMA SHETTY, SANTOSH SHETTY, SANTHOSH SHETTY** and **SANTHOSHA SHETTY** mentioned names belongs to me and same person., Present my name here after is called **SANTOSH RAMA SHETTY,** vide affidavit dated 26/12/2023 sworn to before D.G.Shanthappa advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) HAJIRA SIDDIQA residing at No.266/13, 1st main road, 1st stage pillanna garden st Thomas town Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HAJIRA SIDDIQA** to **(NEW NAME) HAJIRA SIDDEEQA** vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Vidya Suresh D/o Suresh Rao & W/O Mahesh Jayashankar Residing at No. ALF 4/9, Circular Road, Saraswathipuram, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru 560096. Hereby Declare that Vidya S., Vidya Suresh & Vidya Suresh Rao, All names are one & belongs to me. I'm Using Vidya Suresh for further future documents vide affidavit dated 23.12.2023 sworn before Notary Vanajakshi R, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHRIKANT SHRINIVAS KATTI,** aged about 57 years, S/o Late. Shrinivas Katti, R/o, Flat No. A206, Nitesh Hyde Park, Kammanahalli Road, Hulimavu, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHRIKANT** to **SHRIKANT SHRINIVAS KATTI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHRIKANT SHRINIVAS KATTI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23/12/2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K,** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. KARTHIKA SRIVASTAVA** W/o Srivastava Cauverypakkam Murali, aged about 36 years, R/At. No. 28, Millers Tank Bund Road, Kaveriappa Layout, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560052, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KARTHIKA THANGAVELU, KARTHIKA T** To **KARTHIKA SRIVASTAVA** Henceforth as **KARTHIKA SRIVASTAVA** vide affidavit dated 26/12/2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LEELA,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHASEER AHAMED S/O MOHAMED YUSUF, resident of No. 5/1, 12th CROSS, OPP. TOUHEED MASJID, PADARAYANAPURA, BANGALORE-560026., have changed my name to BASHEER AHMED** vide Affidavit dated 18.12.2023 sworn before advocate and notary public K.C. Shashikala, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) KHATOON BEGUM D/o Mohammed Khaleelullah, Residing at No.70, 5th Main, Khushal Nagar, Near Playwell School, Bangalore -560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KHATOON BEGUM** to **(NEW NAME) NIMRA KHAN** vide affidavit dated 26.12.2023 sworn before Notary B.Chitra, Bangalore.

Praveen Kumar

Praveen Kumar, a cricketer-turned-actor, talks about his debut in the multilingual film *Max*, directed by Vijay Karthikeyan and securing a string of interesting films

'I AM GLAD TO HAVE GOTTEN THAT FIRST BIG BREAK IN A SUDEEP FILM'

A SHARADHAA

Praveen Kumar, a State level cricketer, has shifted to the silver screen. And, this young talent, in the making is more than happy to get that big break in Sudeep's next, *Max*, produced by Kalaipuli S Thanu and Kichcha Sudeep, which is currently on floors. Praveen will be making his debut in a prominent role as a biker with negative shades. "I always had inclination towards drama, and theatres, and was keen to get into films. After a certain age, I couldn't take up full-fledged cricket, and I am glad to have my dream of acting come to reality," he says.

Max, which marks director Vijay Karthikeyan's debut, is a multilingual film, and the makers are left with twenty per cent of shoot. Praveen has around 5 to 6 days left to wrap up his portions.

Praveen reveals he was supposed to be launched with a film Dear Kanmani,along with Kishan, but unfortunately, the film couldn't take off due to unknown reasons. However he is happy to make his debut with Max, which also stars Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Samyukta Hornad, Sukratha Wagle, and Anirudh Bhat.

The newbie has some interesting projects lined up including Rohit Padaki's *Uttarakaanda* produced under KRG Studios, *Anna in Mexico* directed by Shankar Guru, and starring Dhananjay. "I am also part of Chakravarthy Chandrachud's directorial, *Hulinayaka*, and he offered me a role in *Kirik' et'11*. It is a special feeling to face the camera, and the passion I had for cricket holds good here too. I am not camera shy and enjoy the arc lights," signs off Praveen.

Praveen Kumar and Sudeep

KANNADA

CHAITRA ACHAR (TOBY)

Chaitra Achar, an actor celebrated for her outstanding performances, received immense praise for her role in *Gilki*. She's known for carefully choosing roles that reflect her values and accomplishments. She diligently prepares for each character, earning acclaim for her portrayal as Jenny alongside Raj B Shetty in *Toby* and displaying versatility in Side B of Hemanth M Rao's *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello*. As Surabhi, she touched hearts, showcasing her role with much grace, portraying a bold role, and offering something beautiful to her audience.

RUKMINI VASANTH (SAPTA SAGARADAACHE ELLO)

Rukmini Vasanth, who made her debut with *Birbal*, came to National prominence with her role as Priya in Side A of *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello*. The Rakshit Shetty-starrer, directed by Hemanth M Rao received a lot of acclaim, and Rukmini's Priya won many hearts. She also had a significant role in Side B of the romantic thriller. The actor also got to shine in her role in Ganesh's *Baanadaariyali*, directed by Preetham Gubbi. Post these two films, Rukmini has become the talk of the town, and it seems to be the first step in what could be a long and fruitful career. She is all set to make her Tamil debut with Vijay Sethupathi's next, and in Kannada, she has big projects lined up including *Bagheera* alongside Srimurali, and *Bhairathi Ranagal* with Shivarajkumar.

REAR VIEW 2023

Breakout stars of 2023

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This year, we saw big stars make a bigger splash—With Rajini ascertaining his superstardom with Jailer, Sunny Deol decimating the box office with Gadar 2, Dharmendra bringing a nostalgic warmth to Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani, and Mammooty redefining stardom with films like Nanpakal Nerathu Mayakkam. However, 2023 was also the year when we saw promising actors finally getting to unleash their full potential, established stars crossing state lines to sweep a new army of fans, and debutants charming the hearts of millions. As the year winds down, let us take a look at all the breakout talents from across India, who made a lasting impression with their stellar performances this year.

TAMIL

PREETHI ASRANI (AYOTHI)

In Mandhira Moorthy's *Ayothi*, Preethi played the role of the deceased woman's daughter, Shivani. Shivani, who is the older sister to a brother, was also grieving her mother's unexpected demise but had to take up the responsibility of being her brother's second mother. While Preethi aced her part as a timid and naive Shivani all throughout the film, she also had one strong scene to show her full potential. In a scene where her father insists on following rituals even during a tough time, she strongly calls her father out for mistreating her mother when she was alive and requests him to at least let her rest in peace. That scene in particular, and her portrayal of an innocent grieving motherless teenage girl, got her name out, as she deserves.

SAHASRA (CHITTHA):

The find of the year in this list is undoubtedly baby Sahasra, the mainstay in *Chithha*. *Chithha* is incomplete without someone to call Siddharth's character that, and Sahasra as Sundari ensured that we can say the same about her as well. With child sexual abuse at the core, most of the film depended upon Sahasra's performance. While she was just as adorable as any young kid in the initial scenes of the film, it was in the scenes of abuse that he true talent came to light. Be it the actual scene of abuse, or when she goes on ranting 'Chittha... Chittha..' In her semi-conscious state, her talent made us forget that she was a mere child dealing with such a difficult subject. Sahasra took upon herself a heavy subject for her debut and has now proven that lighter themes are perhaps a cakewalk.

MALAYALAM

VISHNU AGASTHYA (RDX)

One of the year's most memorable faces is Vishnu Agasthya, who broke out with three distinctive performances in *1001 Nunakal, O. Baby* and *RDX*. In *1001 Nunakal,* Vishnu played a wealthy host encountering a harshly disrupting truth-telling situation at a birthday party that gives rise to absolute chaos. *O.Baby,* on the other hand, showcase a side of Vishnu that's diametrically opposite of the reserved, more polished side in *1001 Nunakal*. Facing off against *O. Baby's* leading man, Dileesh Pothan, Vishnu unleashed a wild, drug-addled psychopath hellbent on achieving his goal by any means necessary. Interestingly, Vishnu played a different kind of psychopath, nearly unrecognisable, in one of the year's biggest blockbusters, *RDX*.

ANASWARA RAJAN (NERU)

Getting noticed for an intrinsic performance in a film headlined by a superstar is no mean feat. But Anaswara Rajan has pulled off just that with the portrayal of a blind rape survivor in Neru, which saw director Jeethu Joseph reuniting with Mohanlal for what has now turned out to be a successful effort. The film gives Anaswara's Sara the deserved dignity, etching her role as one marked by resilience and vulnerability and treats her with a commendably sensitive approach we rarely see in Malayalam cinema. It's a performance that eventuall y makes way for applause and victory after a long spell of pathos.

TELUGU

SUMANTH PRABHAS (MEM FAMOUS)

After foraying into the world of storytelling through short films, Sumanth found himself making a splash on YouTube with a web series titled *Pilla Pillagadu*. In 2023, Sumanth made his feature film debut, as an actor and a director with the coming-of-age rural comedy Mem Famous. Co-starring a host of newcomers including Mourya Nalagatla Chowdary, Mani Aegurla, Kiran Macha and Saarya Lakshman, Sumanth combined autobiographical elements in his film by telling a story of three no-good young boys in rural Telangana who turn over a new leaf and earn the respect of their fellow villagers through running a successful youtube channel.

HINDI

WAMIQA GABBI (JUBILEE)

This year, OTT was Wamiqa Gabbi's world and we were just living in it. After being a part of Vishal Bhardwaj's Mumbai *Dragon for Modern Love: Mumbai* in 2022, the actor made some ripples in the southern seas with her performance in auteur Thiagarajan Kumararaja's segment *Ninaivo Oru Paravai,* for *Modern Love: Chennai*. Next up was the goofily graceful act in Vikramaditya Motwane's period drama Jubilee, where Wamiqa essayed the role of a courtesan who is trying her luck at the movies. No Wamiqa year can be without one Vishal Bhardwaj tale, 2023 had two. She broke the fourth wall with her mischievous charm as the Punjabi expletive-spewing detective in the series *Charlie Chopra & The Mystery of the Solang Valley* and exacted revenge against a deceiving husband (Ali Fazal) in Bhardwaj's lyrical spy-thriller *Khufiya*.

BOBBY DEOL (ANIMAL)

What's in a screen time? Although brief, Bobby Deol delivered a bone-chilling performance as the antagonist in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's *Animal*. His entry song (Jamal Kudu) became a fodder for social media memes and reels. Without a single-word of dialogue, Lord Bobby's act made a lot of noise. It was an exceptionally benevolent year for the Deols. The in-house intellectual Abhay Deol was sombre and ruminative in Trial By Fire, while Dharmendra was warm and cuddly as the lovelorn grandfather in Karan Johar's *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*. And let's just say Sunny Deol's Tara Singh wreaked some havoc at the box office with *Gadar 2*. Sweet or sour, the year was surely Deolicious.

VAISHNAVI CHAITANYA (BABY)

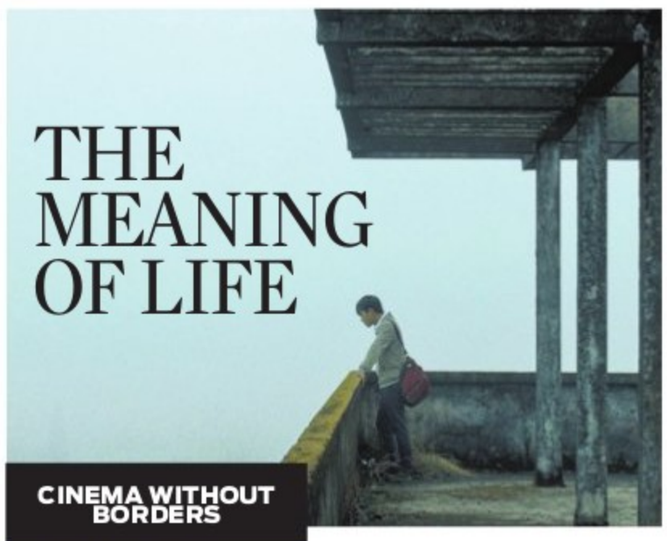
Vaishnavi has been a household name even before joining films. In the thick of the pandemic, she entered the scene by starring as the female lead of the popular YouTube series The Software Develoveper. Starring opposite internet sensation Shanmukh Jaswanth, Vaishnavi managed to make heads turn back in the day with her portrayal of a chirpy, clueless techie in the workspace comedy. After brief appearances in Ala Vaikuntapuramuloo (where she played Allu Arjun's sister) and the Ajith starrer Valimai, Vaishnavi starred in Baby, which was also her maiden lead role. Playing a woman torn between the affections of two men as well as the turbulent socio-economic dynamics s Vaishnavi was a seething rendition of naivety, vulnerability and angst.

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

Film: Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell

THE MEANING OF LIFE



NAMRATA JOSHI

There's a scene that plays out in the pitch-black darkness of the night in the Vietnamese debut filmmaker Pham Thien An's Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell. We can see nothing, just hear the protagonist Thien (Le Phong Vu) coaxing his young nephew Dao (Nguyen Th nh) to fall asleep, only to get questioned about faith. What is it? The child is curious because the recent memorial for his dead mother had the priest talking about her strong faith. Faith doesn't have a form, Thien tells the baffled Dao and then gives a simple, basic explanation by way of two questions. Do you ever give your toys to your friends? Are you sure they will return them to you? "Faith is a little bit like that," he adds. *Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell* is all about many such existential affairs and the essential purpose of life.

When his sister-in-law dies in a motorcycle accident, Thien must take over as the guardian of Dao whose father—Thien's brother Tam—had disappeared mysteriously years ago. He undertakes a journey in search of his estranged sibling. As he meets people—old friends and lovers and new acquaintances—and traverses across Vietnam, the physical quest also becomes all about the spiritual wanderings within. The past intermingles with the present, assorted memories take over his mind to make Thien gauge and weigh in on what he has gained and lost on the way to this specific juncture in life. In trying to find his brother, he gets to confront his own vital self.

The film is founded on Catholic theology that its characters believe in and follow but the essential search for meaning in life is a universal driving force across all religions. In fact, for me, Thien's human pursuit seems to parallel Siddhartha's divine path to Enlightenment—through encountering pain, suffering, sickness, death and loss—in becoming the Buddha.

The film is structured around seemingly simple but profound conversations between people. Thien's humorous wordplay with a masseuse on God and death. A church service talking of death as eternal happiness for being able to be one with God. A Vietnam War veteran who has found a new direction in life by making shrouds for the dead. A former girlfriend who chose to join the convent and teach children. And the many chats with the nephew who misses his mom and wants the uncle to take him to heaven to meet her. The sprawling, 3-hour film is in no hurry to reach anywhere. It ambles along gently. Like life itself. No high drama, no needless propulsion. Thien An tries to stay close to the rhythm of life with one long take leading to the next, punctuated with an equally interminable pause. It's the sound of daily life, and silences, that populate the frames, save one short, reiterated piece of the strumming of the guitar that interjects every now and then.

Thien An doesn't just play with time but with spaces as well, from the chaotic streets of Saigon, the small, confined homes to the vastness of mountains and the countryside and mist rolling over the hills. It's about revealing the puny speck of life that a human being is when juxtaposed against the magnificence of nature. The camera often starts off static, becomes a distant observer as the characters talk, and pans leisurely to capture another moment. Thien An attempts to represent Thien's restless mind and inner transformation on screen through his unique imagery and complex narrative.

Premiering in the parallel Directors' Fortnight sidebar, *Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell* won the Camera d'Or for the best first feature film at the Cannes Film Festival in May this year. Having travelled the world—from Busan to Toronto and San Sebastian—its most recent halt was the Singapore International Film Festival where it won the best film award in the Asian Feature category.

Despite all the laurels won, it's also easy to see that Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell is not a film for everyone. Certainly not for most of us trapped in our impenetrable cocoon shells of desires, ambitions, and egos. A demanding meditation on human existence and mortality, it's a film that is as much about what it has to offer, as about what we bring to it on our own as viewers. A film that is as challenging as life itself.